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RED ARMY AT STANDSTILL

London, To-day.

A NEW CABINET HAS BEEN formed in Helsinki with Dr. Ryti as Prime Minister and Dr. Tanner as his Foreign Minister. M. Erkkö is excluded. It is expected that overtures will be made in an effort to bring hostilities to an end, but there is no question of unconditional capitulation.

A statement issued by the Finnish Legation says that the latest information shows that military activity has come almost to a standstill as the result of the failure of the Red Army to break the Finnish defences in the south.

It is confirmed that the Russian advance in the Isthmus of Karelia and north of Lake Ladoga has been successfully halted.

In Helsinki several buildings are still burning following yesterday's raids.

The Canadian engineers in the nickel mines at Petsamo, in the extreme north, took refuge in Norway.

REFUGEES SPEND NIGHT IN THE FORESTS

Since shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Russian bombers have been attacking coastal fortifications and towns.

All roads northward from Helsinki are crowded with thousands of refugees, who spent the night sleeping in forests and by the roadside.

The roads are covered with ice and snow, making traffic difficult.

HANGOE BOMBED THREE TIMES

Soviet planes bombed Hangoe three times yesterday and the town of Viborg is reported to be in flames.

A bomb hit the hospital at Imatra, near Viborg.

In the meantime, the Soviet fleet was engaged in a bombardment of Aabo. Several hundred shells were fired into the town.

It is confirmed that the Soviet forces have occupied the island of Hogland, the Sieskari Peninsula and the port of Terijoki, on the Karelian Isthmus.

DESTROYER SUNK

The Finns claim to have sunk one of three Soviet destroyers which were bombarding Russian Fort.

It is stated the fort scored a direct hit in the duel with the warships, which continued all afternoon.

It is also officially claimed that 10 Soviet tanks were destroyed in the frontier battle at Joukselka, on the Karelian Isthmus.

PASSIKIVI IN CABINET

The new Finnish Cabinet includes M. Passikivi, Minister without Portfolio, who conducted the recent negotiations with the Soviet.

M. Erkkö, the Foreign Minister, is excluded. — Reuter.

ANOTHER MINE DISASTER

London, To-day.

The Finnish s.s. Mercator, 4,200 tons, hit a mine off the Scottish Coast yesterday morning and sank in six minutes.

One of the crew was trapped below decks and is believed to have been killed.

The survivors were landed at a Scottish port later.

As one boat left the sinking ship, it capsized. Several of the men managed to get back into the boat, while others clambered onto a raft which had drifted clear of the Mercator.

One of the boats was towed into port by a motor fishing vessel.—Reuter.

BRITISH STEAMER A VICTIM

London, To-day.

The British steamer Dalrymple (4,558 tons) was mined about six miles off the South-East coast yesterday. The crew was saved.

The vessel is slowly sinking in full view of watchers on the promenade of a seaside resort.—Reuter.

DUTCH OFFICIALS ARRESTED

The Hague, To-day.

Two Dutch State officials have been detained here in connexion with suspected espionage on behalf of Germany.

The wife of one of the men was also detained.—Reuter.

PREPARED TO TALK, NOT TO SURRENDER

London, To-day.

According to reports reaching London, the new Finnish Government will continue to take all measures to ensure the country's independence.

It will, however, be prepared to open negotiations to settle the dispute with Russia by peaceful means.—Reuter.

GERMANY RESENTFUL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The "National Tidende's" Berlin correspondent reports that Soviet-German friendship is more unpopular in Germany than ever.

The man in the street is openly expressing sympathies for Finland while men in political quarters are frequently expressing the hope that Finland will be allowed some day revenge over Russia.—Havas.

GERMANY OPENED DOOR FOR RUSSIA

London, To-day.

The Soviet attack on Finland would have been impossible without German acquiescence, and unless the Nazi technique had pointed the way.

Finnish independence was largely due to Germany, and her civilisation had much in common with Germany's.

When the Soviet and German policies were apparently in conflict, Germany would never have permitted the invasion.

Germany now reluctantly permits this step and fears her own public opinion.

CAN'T BE HONEST

All reference to the invasion has been excluded from the German press.

Military and naval circles in Berlin regard the Soviet action with profound misgiving.

The Italian attitude, by contrast, is openly sympathetic to Finland, and it is reported that volunteers desire to enlist. — Reuter.

STEINHARDT NOW IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

Mr. Steinhardt, American Ambassador to Moscow, returned yesterday from Stockholm, where he has been undergoing medical treatment.—Reuter.

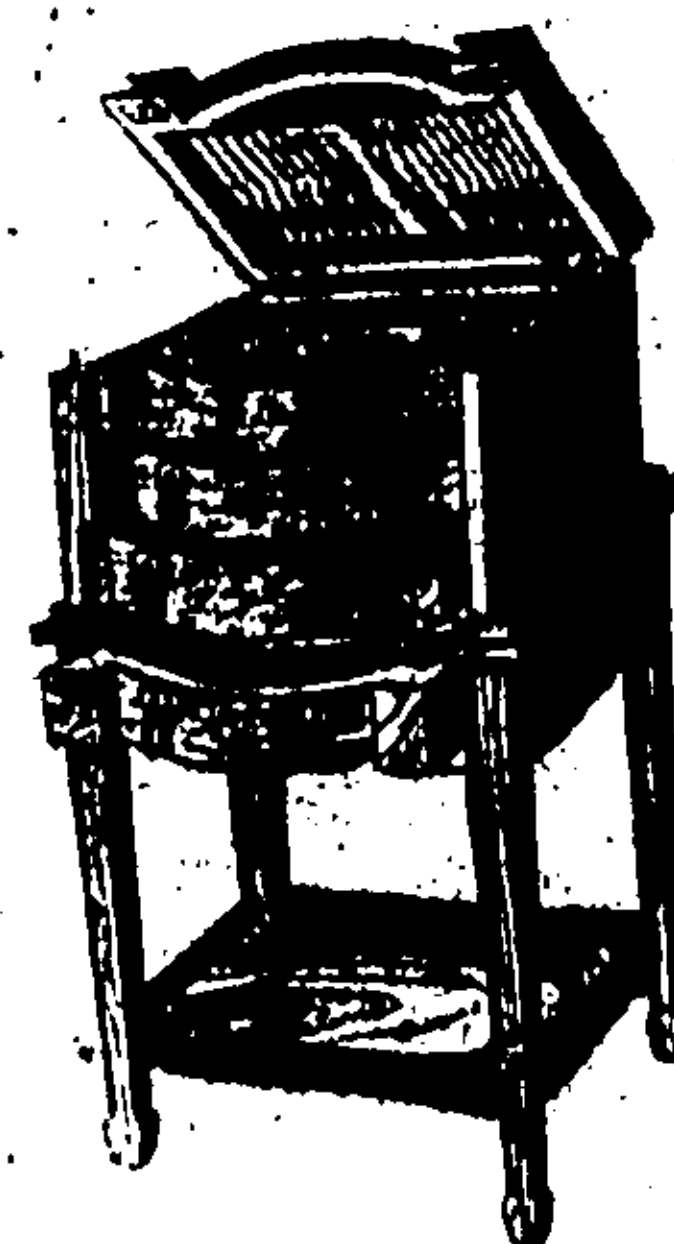
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MOVEMENTS AND maintenance are the key words of the "Q" branch of the British Expeditionary Force, and during an informal talk to-day Lt.-Gen. Lindsell, the Quartermaster-General of the Army in France, outlined to me the complicated duties imposed upon his department, writes a War Correspondent.

Every day nearly 200,000 men have to be fed and 650 tons of petrol supplied to keep the mechanical transport running.

The monthly requirements in weight to supply the army in the field with everything it needs amount to one-third of a ton per man, excluding such items as heavy railways or bridge equipment.

Food, ammunition and clothing are the main items, but scores of other things complete a list that would bewilder the largest department store in London or New York.

In addition to all these, large reserve stores have to be built up at base supply depots to ensure supplies against the risk of air raids on home ports, on bases across the Channel, or on strategic railway centres in France which might momentarily handicap or delay the normal movement of material from the bases to the troops in the front sector.

BIG EXCESS OF PETROL

The initial task of moving the B.E.F. from England to its appointed bases in France, a journey of several hundred miles, was accomplished without a hitch, and one corps alone, so well did communications work, arrived at headquarters with no less than three days' supply of food in hand and 500 gallons of petrol in excess of its issue.

"That surplus material," said the Q.M.G. with a chuckle, "I have been trying to lay my hands on ever since!"

The Army in the field has already built up no less than 46 days' reserve food for all ranks and immense stock of ammunition, the exact figures of which obviously cannot be given.

The chief desire of the Quartermaster General's department is to give the soldier everything he wants, from gum-boots to cigarettes and from duckboards to sugar in his tea.

But the force must remain mobile. The Army has spent the last 20 years trying to take the weight off the soldier's back and put it into lorries, but there is a limit to this.

At present the lorries attached to an army corps would, if strung out nose to tail, stretch 40 miles.

We have between 20,000 and 30,000 mechanical vehicles, and so perfect was maintenance on the journey from England to the front sectors that the breakdowns averaged less than one-third of one per cent.

AN EXTRA BLANKET

As it is, however, an extra blanket has now been authorised to all ranks and they are already on trains destined for all units.

It is interesting to note that in the French Army, by comparison, two men share one blanket.

But mobility must be maintained, and it is hoped that this important argument will be borne in mind by soldiers' relatives when they receive letters from the front complaining of the lack of this or that.

The British soldier to-day, as I have been able personally to observe, is better fed, better clothed and treated than any other soldier in the world.

He has three or even four good meals a day. Breakfast, a hearty dinner, tea and, if the quartermaster of his unit knows his business, something tasty for supper in the evening.

He gets fresh meat every day brought up to railheads in refrigerator cars, bully beef only every now and then as a change of diet, fish in the shape of sardines or herrings frequently, and all the bread, tea, sugar, butter in reason, cheese, jam and vegetables he can eat.

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London, To-day.

THE STORY OF THE first straight fight in this war between a defensively armed merchantman and a U-boat is revealed by the award of the O.B.E. to Captain Albert, while Master of the s.s. Stonepool.

An announcement in the "London Gazette" says that sighting a U-boat, the Stonepool manned her gun and in two minutes exchanged shot for shot with the submarine, whose gun was of similar calibre.

The rate of fire was fair and the shooting good, and the fifteenth shot may well have hit or damaged the U-boat, whose thirteenth or fourteenth shot holed the Stonepool two feet above the waterline.

By resolute and skilful action the Master saved his ship.

Discipline was excellent and the gunlayer and gun's crew did very well.

The O.B.E. has also been awarded to Captain Farrar, Master of the Baharistan, and Commander Grayson, Master of the Karamea, who, when attacked by U-boats, showed bold decision and courageous skill, thereby saving their vessels. — Reuter.

U-BOAT ATTACKS DESTROYER

London, To-day.
The survivors of the Uskmouth have been landed in England.

The destroyer which rescued them was itself attacked by a U-boat when it neared the south-east coast of England. Three torpedoes were fired at it, but went wide of their mark.

The destroyer dropped depth charges over and around the spot. — Reuter.

VON BRAUSCHITCH IN SIEGFRIED LINE

Berlin, To-day.
General von Brauschitch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, is now visiting the Western Front, where he is inspecting the Nazi troops. — Reuter.

FOUR MEALS A DAY FOR THE BRITISH TROOPS

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ways is immensely superior to that available to many hundreds of thousands of people at home.

SOLDIERS' MAILS

I queried Gen. Lindsell about soldiers' mail, on which subject there has been numerous complaints.

The original trouble, he explained, had been caused in the early days of the B.E.F.'s arrival over here owing to the necessity for the greatest secrecy.

To achieve this, all mail was temporarily halted, both incoming and outgoing. When this order was rescinded, after a very short period, immense congestion had, of course, accumulated at the Army Post Office in England, which took some little time to dispose of.

Now, however, everything was moving normally and he had personally found that he could write to his wife and get a reply in 10 to 12 days.

Green envelopes, a system introduced in the last war, by which men could write home without local censorship by the officers of their own units, as well as field postcards, are being introduced immediately.

He mentioned that the Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. William Mabane, M.P., with a desire to find out for himself how the mail was moving has, as it were, posted himself as a letter from London and followed that letter through all the way from the British Post Office to its destination with units in the front sector.

This was one of Mr. Mabane's last official activities before handing over to his successor Capt C. Waterhouse.

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Finns Holding Red Army On Karelian Isthmus

SUBMARINE DAMAGED BY GALE

London, To-day.
It is authoritatively stated that the British submarine escorted to Stavanger was not damaged by enemy action, and the damage was due solely to the recent heavy gale in the North Sea.—Reuter.

AFRICAN FILM EPIC

One of the greatest adventures of modern times is thrillingly reconstructed in "Stanley & Livingstone," starting to-day at the King's.

When Spencer Tracy, in the role of Henry M. Stanley, the crack young reporter on the old New York "Herald," speaks the famous words, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" in the heart of Africa, drama's most thrilling moment is stirring reenacted.

The film shows Stanley in 1869, a reporter of bulldog tenacity ready to risk his neck to get his story!

It follows him through all the thrills and dangers of his great adventure and shows the influence on his character of his meeting and subsequent friendship with the great missionary-explorer, who buried himself in the heart of unknown Africa to serve humanity.

When Livingstone died, young Stanley picked up the torch and became one of the greatest men of his day.

The chief romantic interest of the story is carried by Nancy Kelly, as the lovely daughter of the English consular agent at Zanzibar, and Richard Greene, as the son of Lord Tyce, who had just returned, fever-racked, from a similar but unsuccessful expedition.

TWO MORE RAIDS ON HELSINKI YESTERDAY

London, To-day.

THERE WERE TWO MORE air raids on the Finnish capital yesterday afternoon and it is reported that four Soviet planes were shot down.

The first raid was just after mid-day, when six Russian planes dropped a dozen bombs on the working class district. Although this was nothing like the previous day's raid, at least one block of workmen's flats was set on fire.

The next raid was two hours later, and the workmen's district was again attacked. This time 15 bombs were dropped, but no further details are known.

It is now officially estimated that 72 people were killed in Thursday's raids, and many more were injured.

The Soviet air force has been extremely active in the Far North. Yesterday morning, it attacked Petsamo and after a ruthless air attack set part of it on fire. Russian infantry is said to have attacked the port.

One report states that there was violent fighting and that the Soviets dropped several men by parachute.

Many Finns are trying to flee into Norway and the fleeing refugees are being fired on by low-flying Soviet aircraft. At one frontier town, 600 refugees crossed a frozen river under machine-gun fire from Soviet planes.

HANGOE SHELLED

In the south-west, the Russians have carried out a long bombardment of Hangoe. Soviet warships which were out of sight shelled the city and the civilian population took cover in air raid shelters.

Finnish batteries replied and the latest reports, at noon yesterday, said that the fort is still undamaged.

No details are known concerning a reported attempt by the Soviets to effect a landing in the afternoon.

STUBBORN STAND

Little is known, too, of the progress of operations on the Karelian Isthmus, but Helsinki reports the Finns are making a stubborn stand, while Copenhagen reports that many Soviet tanks are wrecked as a result of accurate fire. It is also said that 300 Russians have been taken prisoner.—Reuter.

BRITISH RED CROSS PLANE

London, To-day.

An aeroplane with medical supplies has reached Finland safely. It was sent by the British Red Cross, and the cost was found by the wife of the Finnish Minister to London.—Reuter.

FOUR NAZI PLANES FORCED DOWN

London, To-day.

Yesterday's German communique admits that four Nazi planes have had to land on the North Sea during a violent gale. Their crews were rescued, and the planes were "slightly damaged."—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT STATEMENT ON INVASION

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday issued a formal statement declaring the Russian invasion of Finland to be a profound shock to the United States.

It jeopardised, he declared, the right of mankind of self-government. "All peace-loving peoples would condemn this new resort to military force as the arbiter in international differences."—Reuter.

CHIANG WEI-KUO RETURNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Chiang Wei-kuo, second son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is studying aviation in the American Army, is shortly returning to China where, it is reported, he will command the Central Aviation School.

He arrived from Germany some time ago where he had studied in a military academy.—Havas.

100 PER CENT. TIN QUOTA

London, To-day.

The International Tin Committee has fixed the quota for the first quarter of 1940 at 100 per cent.—Reuter.

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By Ed Reed



EDITOR'S NOTE: No gag line needed.

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DEFENDING THE COAST OF BRITAIN—This picture gives a very good idea of a big gun crew at work preparing for action. The sergeant supervises while part of the crew reload the shell into the gun and on the left can be seen another gunner ready to push in the cartridge which follows the shell. (Copyright, Fox).

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London, To-day.

THE RUSSIAN ACTION IS condemned by the press of the world. Practically every English paper draws a comparison between Russian attack on Finland and the German attack on Poland.

"The Times" says that the hypocrisy of the Soviet claims makes the brigandage of the 18th century partitioners of Poland seem pale by contrast.

The "New Chronicle" says that the only difference between Hitler and Stalin is that Hitler did it first.

The "Daily Mail" says that Stalin is not quite as clever as Hitler, as his excuses were even flimsier. He could point to no oppressed minorities, nor could he claim "lebensraum."

The Paris press points to the view that the Soviet attack is part of a programme of expansion mutually agreed upon by Berlin and Moscow.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN

"Le Matin" calls it "one more shameful act to add to all the others." The other papers express fears for the safety of Sweden, and make reference to reports that Moscow has demanded three Arctic islands from Norway.

The Scandinavian press has less fears, but displays great indignation.

The Norwegian paper "Tidens Tegn" says that "the Russian assault establishes a new record for meanness and recklessness."

In Sweden it is pointed out that the country is Russia's next neighbour.

HISTORIC DATE

The "Dagens Nyheter" says that November 30 is an historic date in the lives of both Sweden and Finland. This is a matter which affects all countries with political ideals and a democratic government.

Sweden is trying to find means of helping Finland, but is handicapped by Germany's attitude.

In south-eastern Europe, deep sympathy is expressed by the big headlines and prominent mention of the Soviet attack.

ANTI-BOLSHEV FRONT?

In Madrid, the paper "ABC" says that the only hope is for action by Signor Mussolini calling on the belligerents to realise the need for forming a common anti-Bolshevik front.

The Italian press gives great prominence to messages from abroad indicating the emotion felt all over Europe.

The "Japan Times" says that the Soviet invasion has a serious bearing

RICE LEVY

Pursuant to section 15 of the Essential Commodities Reserves Ordinance, 1939, the Governor in Council has ordered that there shall be paid to the Accountant-General by every importer of rice a levy at the rate of 12 cents per picul on all rice imported by him on or after 1st December, 1939, except rice which is detained for other places than China transhipped from ship to ship without landing.

SOVIET AGGRESSION PUTS CHINA IN A DELICATE POSITION

Chungking, To-day.

NEWS OF THE SOVIET invasion of Finland is given prominence in the Chinese press, but official quarters are withholding comment on the latest development in Soviet-Finnish relations.

The Soviet invasion did not come as a surprise, though the news that Soviet forces had crossed the Finnish frontier, reaching Chungking late on Thursday evening, created a sensation and caused the widest discussion.

The tone of M. Molotov's speech on November 29 was interpreted here as foreshadowing more positive action by the Soviet.

Though the Soviet-Finnish dispute has no direct connection with China, Chinese circles are watching developments in Finland with the greatest concern.

SYMPATHY FOR FINNS

To begin with, China being herself the victim of aggression is naturally cherishing the profoundest sympathy for the Finns, who are fighting for their freedom and independence, yet at the same time the Chinese are not in a position to express such sym-

on Far Eastern problems; it expresses great sympathy with Finland. Moscow has gone against the often-declared policy of the Government which has spared no efforts to denounce Imperialism.—Reuter.

pathy openly in view of the present Soviet assistance to China in her war of resistance against Japan.

Ever since the tension in Europe increased China had been hoping against hope that Britain and Russia would be working in close co-operation in international affairs.

DELICATE POSITION

This hope had been dashed to the ground by the German-Soviet non-aggression pact and the Soviet invasion of Poland, and particularly the recent Soviet official utterances bitterly denouncing Britain.

China, therefore, is in a most delicate position, being most anxious to remain on friendly relations with both Britain and Russia, on whom they depend for assistance against Japan.—Reuter.

MR. T. V. SOONG RETURNS

After attending the Sixth Plenary Session of the Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, Mr. T. V. Soong, head of the Bank of China and the Bank of Canton, returned to the Colony yesterday.

Admiral Chan Chak returned by the same plane.

DEWEY TO STAND FOR PRESIDENT

New York, To-day.
Mr. Thomas Dewey, New York's District Attorney, who has made himself famous by his prosecutions of racketeers, yesterday formally announced his candidature for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1940.—Reuter.

VANDENBERG HAS A BRIGHT IDEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

SENATOR ARTHUR VANDENBERG, REPUBLICAN FROM MICHIGAN, AND POSSIBLE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY NEXT YEAR, DECLARED THAT THE POLISH AND FINNISH EVENTS LEFT THE UNITED STATES WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WIPE OUT EVERY TRACE OF COMMUNISM AND NAZISM WITHIN AMERICA.

However, diplomatic quarters are of the opinion that the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Moscow might result in rapprochement between Soviet and Japan and make more difficult the settlement of Far Eastern problems which have become more acute as a result of the approaching expiration of the Trade Treaty with Japan.

Fears are expressed that a strong American attitude towards Russia might facilitate a Soviet-Japan Pact similar to the Soviet-German Alliance.

Several Senators and Congressmen are preparing to demand the severance of diplomatic relations with Russia at the next meeting of Congress in January.—Havas.

***The Vandenberg proposal would, of course, contribute magnificently to discouragement of buccaneering throughout the world!

KING'S XMAS BROADCAST

London, To-day.

The King is to broadcast a message to the Empire of Christmas Day.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The King's Christmas broadcast will be made at 3 p.m. (G.M.T.)—11 p.m. Hong Kong Time.

The programme will be on the same scale and as wide in scope as at previous Christmases, and the three fighting Services will be featured.—Reuter.

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- DX 455 — MARCHING WITH SOUSA Medley.
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SOVIET TRIES OLD TRICK

Setting Up Puppet "Government" In Karelia

CAN THEN BE RESPONDING TO THE APPEAL OF THE "FINNISH PEOPLE"

POLICE PROMOTION

The following official appointments, etc. are gazetted:—

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones to be Cadet Officer, Class 1.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court, etc.

Mr. J. B. Prentis to be Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, etc.

Mr. A. G. S. Major to be a Superintendent of Police.

Mr. W. P. Thompson to be a Superintendent of Police.

Mr. K. A. Bidmead to be a Superintendent of Police.

Mr. W. La Barte Sparrow to be a Divisional Superintendent of Police.

Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop to be a Divisional Superintendent of Police.

Bombardier J. Robinson to be Lieutenant in the H.K.V.D.C.

Dr. Chau Sik-nin to be a Member of the Medical Board for a further term.

Mr. G. Miskin resumed charge of the Swedish Consulate at H.K.

ARTILLERY ACTION ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated there were patrol encounters and reciprocal artillery action at various points on the front.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

THE SOVIETS HAVE ISSUED a communique which only denies that Soviet planes bombed towns and inhabited places, but gives no details of any operations.

The communique is mainly taken up with the bogus "People's Government" said to have been formed at Terijoki, a small town just inside the frontier and which is said to be now in Soviet hands.

The several references to this bogus government lend support to the view that it is being organised to appeal for help from the Soviet Government, which can then point out that it is "acting in accordance with the desires of the Finnish people."—Reuter.

"REVOLTING SOLDIERS"

Moscow, To-day.

The new Finnish "government," pledged to overthrow the Helsinki regime, was formed yesterday at Terijoki, a Finnish frontier town occupied by the Red Army, according to the official Tass agency.

The "government" was established by representatives of Finnish left wing parties and revolting Finnish soldiers, it is declared.

The new "government," which is described "The People's Government of the Democratic Republic of Fin-

land," broadcast a proclamation calling Finns to rise against the "tyrants and warmongers" in Helsinki, and urging the Soviet forces to aid in this task.

The broadcast announced the creation of a Finnish "people's army." Its aims are stated to include a Soviet-Finnish pact of mutual assistance. — Reuter.

AN ALLEGED MANIFESTO

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviets are trying to form a Communist Government in Finland.

The Moscow wireless claims that a Finnish "People's Government" has been set up at Terijoki, which the Russians say they have captured. The announcement of this bogus government follows the widespread publication in Russia of a manifesto purporting to come from the small Finnish Communist Party and is taken as an indication of the kind of solution Moscow will accept.

The manifesto asks for a popular government to drive out "the landlords and generals," for the nationalization of banks and industries, and the conclusion of a mutual assistance pact with Soviet Russia.

GLORY!

Yesterday morning, Moscow broadcast an announcement that the Russian army and fleet were "covering themselves with new glory."

The Russian people, said the broadcast, had learned with indignation of the "treacherous attack made by Finland."

This referred to the first news the Russian people had been given, 16 hours after the attack started.

The Russian invasion was pictured as a victorious advance brought on by earlier Finnish attacks!—Reuter.

U-BOAT PASTOR'S "STRANGE DISEASE"

Ex U-boat commander and anti-Nazi Church leader, Pastor Martin Niemöller is suffering from a strange disease and is very ill, states a report from Paris.

Niemöller is forty-seven and spent eighteen months in the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. He was arrested for high treason and misuse of pulpit in July, 1937, but the judgment of a civil court was disregarded by the Nazis.

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm and the German war hero, Field-Marshal von Mackensen, tried to induce Hitler to pardon him.

Hitler's answer was that Niemöller was kept in solitary confinement. Even his guards are not allowed to speak to him. Nazis recently reported that he was afflicted with a "disease of the eyes and lungs."

FULL POWERS APPROVED

Paris, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed by 259 votes to 23 the Bill conferring full powers on M. Daladier for the duration of the war.—Reuter.

CAROLA GOYA RECITAL

To-night at 9.30 o'clock in the Hong Kong Hotel, a special performance, the only one in the Orient, will be given by three leading artistes of the Columbia Concerts Corporation of New York, on their way through to America from a successful 11-week tour of South America.

The artistes are Carola Goya, considered by many competent critics to be the leading Spanish dancer of the musical world; Beatrice Burford, virtuoso of that difficult instrument, the harp; and Emilio Osta, pianist, concert soloist and composer.

Carola Goya, in the words of one critic, has flashed across the stages of the world's musical capitals "in an unforgettable riot of colour, rhythm and grace," while Miss Burford has attained an equally high reputation "because of her fine musicianship, emotional sensitivity and the sonority of her tone."

To-night's programme will be as follows:—

"Intermezzo" from Goyescas	Granados.
"Echale Guindas al Pavo"	Mostazo.
Fado	Retana.
	Carola Goya.
Pascaglia	Handel.
Au Matin	Tournier.
	Beatrice Burford.
Ballade in A Flat	Chopin.
Habanera	Sarasate-Osta.
	Emilio Osta.
Farruca	Sopena.
Mariposa (Tango in D)	Albeniz.
Malaguena	Lecuna.
	Carola Goya.
Jardin Mouille	De la Presle.
Etude de Concert	Godefrid.
	Beatrice Burford.
Fandanguillo	Azagra.
Danza de la Pastora	Halfter.
Paso Doble	Salabert.
	Carola Goya.

'SHELTER' AS FIREWOOD

After spending six weeks digging a trench large enough for fifty people, and subscribing £1 each towards timber, inhabitants of Kings-way East, Newcastle-under-Lyme, have had to fill it in again because they built it on the council's land.

They will now have to dig shelters separately in their own gardens. They have chopped up the £20 worth of timber they bought and are going to use it as firewood.

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WHAT IS
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In a confident, fighting speed the other day, Mr. Winston Churchill, told us that while German ships lay idly rusting in harbour, Britain's world-wide trade is being carried on by some 4,000 vessels, 2,500 of which are constantly at sea. This picture shows a Navy-protected convoy on its voyage—by means of which menace of U-boat or air attack is defeated. Photo shows—The crew of a convoy ship hurrying to their stations for lifeboat drill. (Copyright, Fox).

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

FREEZING-OUT

The winter of our discontent is here. The "freezing-out" process has begun in order that the "new order" may be imposed upon Asia. The M.B.K. egg "scandal" has not ceased to provoke corrosive criticism. This, after American and British firms have purchased and paid for huge quantities of that commodity. The seizure and retention (on a nebulous pretext) of a number of small vessels flying the Portuguese flag speak of the practice of the dictum that Japanese might is right. The silent sanction of several demonstrations by the myrmidons of an alleged "Chinese authority" on the confines of the Settlement is in violent contrast with the claims of the sensitive Japanese a few years ago. The perpetuated prohibition of international trading on the Yangtze and the reservation of the huge watershed as a profiteering pond for Japanese monopolists evokes biting comment. The tongue may respect the rights of third powers. The hand does not endorse the reiterated avowals of the average Japanese official. — "Shipping Review."

abandon the position of influence which Italy has always sought to maintain in that part of Europe. The time may come when both Germany and Russia will have to be told that in unmistakable terms, in which event a dangerous situation will be created. — "N.C.D."

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MORE OUT-OF-BOUNDS

Certainly there is nothing pleasant about the current developments in the European war as regards neutral ships and shipping. However, it is not surprising that ruthlessness should be the policy on the high seas. Ruthlessness has been the policy on land, not only in this war but also in the chain of circumstances leading to war. When the rights of governments and individuals are not respected within their own country, it is not strange that their rights should receive similar treatment on the high seas. When life and property are not respected on land we hardly could expect that they would be respected at sea.

The rules governing the relationships between nations and nationals have been broken indiscriminately to bring on war. So how could we hope that the rules of warfare would be respected? — "Manila Bulletin."

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THE BALKAN CIRCUS

If it were not so tragic the situation in the Balkans would verge on the amusing, for never before has Herr Hitler been obliged to bow before the dictates of another Power, and that Power, Soviet Russia. The attempt by the Balkan states to form a neutral bloc for their own protection, and to avoid being entangled in this present war has met with the disapproval of the Kremlin, which sees in the movement also an attempt to prevent the further spread of Bolshevism. German-Soviet efforts to prevent the formation of the proposed bloc have, it is reported for the moment produced a deadlock in the negotiations, and that, apparently, because they are under the threat of action either by Germany or Russia or by those two nations in concert. It is reported that acting on instructions from Moscow, the Third Reich has notified the Balkan states that they would consider the formation of such a bloc, supported by Turkey as unfriendly because of the existence of the Anglo-French-Turkish mutual aid pact. And so Herr Hitler again jumps through the ring, at the crack of M. Stalin's whip. Meantime uneasiness is being demonstrated in Italy, where by means of broadcast commentaries, notice has been served on Soviet Russia warning against any attempts to Bolshevikize the Balkans. Italy has been silently supporting Yugoslavia's attempts to prevent the further spread westwards of Bolshevism, for that would mean the end of Italian influence in that part of the world. She finds herself in this respect completely at variance with her old friend Germany, and there can be little doubt that the very attenuated bonds which unite the two countries are becoming increasingly slender. That Italy may soon find herself in a state of complete isolation is a distinct probability, unless Signor Mussolini could find it possible to modify his attitude with regard to Bolshevism. That on the face of things is unlikely, for it is not to be thought that the man who rescued his country from the threat of it, would now permit it to gain sway. In the future the world may see a most interesting tug-of-war in the Balkans for Il Duce cannot consent to a spread of communist doctrines in that area, nor will he readily

OFFICIAL EYES ON EYE-BLACK

The Ministry of Home Security has issued a notice concerning "the effects of wearing a gas-mask on the non-waterproof type of 'eye-black.'" The notice must not be allowed to pass without a small tribute to the qualities in the Ministry which it displays. First of all, there is nothing that our guardians do not think of, nothing that is too petty or too intimate for their watchful care. That might be taken for granted after the experience of the last ten weeks; but there is much more than that. The notice displays a knowledge of the world which many a man of the world will be surprised to find in the ascetic seclusion of Whitehall. Most people, no doubt, know what eye-black is and what it is used for; but how many of the men who see it daily on their own women-folk knew before this morning what the Ministry of Home Security knew—that there were two kinds of eye-black, one waterproof, the other non-waterproof?

In the third place the notice shows a broad spirit of humanity even less to be expected from such a source than the technical knowledge. It

LIBERTY'S FLAG

I have no doubts about the end of the struggle. It will mean a new freedom for Europe and the world. But to make the end worthy of the sacrifices, there must be strong democratic leadership now, so as to limit as far as possible the sacrifices and the suffering, and to ensure that liberty's flag shall be supreme. — Mr. Arthur Greenwood, M.P.

would have been natural—it would have been even proper—for official brows to frown, in effect, on eye-black; to hold that, if women chose to use eye-black, it would only serve them right of 'temperature conditions obtained inside "the facepiece" made a mess of their eye-black and of their

eyes as well. That was not the line taken by the conscientious and broad-minded Ministry. It was their duty to protect even the vain and worldly among the charges committed to their care, and to subdue, if need be, their personal feelings about make-up for the sake of these weaker vessels. Only such carping criticism as is deprecated by the Prime Minister will dare to connect this warning against eye-black with eye-wash. Gratitude for such benevolence will bring tears to the eyes of many whom it may have saved from a dreadful mistake, and a great deal of eye-black will show whether it is waterproof or not. — "The Times."

"THE WATCH ON THE MAGINOT LINE" MEN CONFIDENT; "LET THEM COME"

With The French Army.

A GIANT IS STIRRING uneasily, but the War here is still not really awake. He groans in his sleep sometimes, but we can only guess when he will rouse himself, writes a "Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent. It is like early morning in some enormous palace, a tyrant's palace. The master of the household is not up, but there is tremendous activity among the innumerable servants.

Privileged onlookers have been allowed to see the preparations for the day's work. They have been welcomed and shown without reserve all kinds of marvels, dreadful marvels, now in readiness for the entertainment of the risen giant. Never before was there anything of the sort so elaborately prepared.

It is not on the surface. The eastern frontier of France will in 1,000 years or so have nothing to show to remind posterity of the year 1939 comparable with Hadrian's Wall or Offa's dyke.

The Great Wall of China has not been rivalled as a picturesque spectacle by the Maginot Line.

"ADMIRAL" IN COMMAND

The new wonder of the world is indeed characterised by its modest inconspicuousness. Here and there is a mushroom—so called—of concrete and steel, but there is hardly anything else to catch the eye of the casual passer-by—if one can possibly imagine a casual passer-by in these parts.

But, underground, French ingenuity has elaborated a new world, something between the London tube system and a battleship.

"Subterranean battleship." The phrase is inevitable to describe the forts of the Maginot Line. It has been heard often in recent weeks, and still it was news to me, when enjoying the hospitality of the commandant of one of these forts, to find he was "the admiral" to his officers and men.

And, by the way, we no longer say "fort" in this part of the world. The word for the new thing which is a fort indeed, but one which assembles the resources of a half a hundred techniques and sciences, is "ouvrage."

Throughout this visit to the new underground world it wanted a persistent effort to realise that one was not on board a battle cruiser of some strange navy where khaki was the wear.

As much was said to a young gunner in one of the turrets. He answered with a shade of wistfulness: "Yes, but a real ship would sometimes put into port."

YEARS OF SERVICE

Pride and confidence are the prevailing notes among these men, in their various ways so zealous, such complete masters of their complex machine.

But it would not be fair to them—it would misrepresent the strange life they lead a hundred feet below ground—to leave unmentioned the trace of

wistfulness. The outside world ought to be reminded of the sacrifice and strain which this life represents.

Many of these guardians of the fort and its secrets have spent years in its labyrinths. Those labyrinths abound in comforts such as shower baths, lifts and tramways, and still the mere visitor has to confess to a feeling of relief when he is once again able to breathe the upper air.

Above ground there is a world to all appearance placid. On most days the sound of a shell is a rarity. Cows are grazing between the belts of wire. We come across a young gunner who has in a leisure hour snared a hare.

A very few miles away there is a ridge, and you are told that the Germans are there.

"Let them come," says the commandant. The whole garrison longs for them to come. The garrison is on tiptoe. It is magnificently confident in itself and its marvellous machine. It knows itself impregnable.

POSTAL DELAYS

I had the fortune to witness a surprise visit from no less an eminence than the Army Commander to a pioneer battalion working in a forest near the frontier.

The daily shave is not in the French Army the almost religious obligation that it is with us; and the men as they came scrambling out of the underground might have been taken for beings of a different species from the wonderful General, so refined and pale of face and so gloriously decorated.

But in a moment his relationship with these muddy woodland-dwellers was established. It was almost fatherly.

They crowded round him, and after but a moment's shyness there were plenty who did not wait to be spoken to before they chipped in. Things were not too bad they all agreed; but not everything was perfect. There was, for instance, the great question of delays in the Army postal service. The General questioned them closely. He wanted to know exactly how long it had taken for letters to reach them from home.

One man's complaint was that his people had not written to him for 10 days. The General did not rub it in too hard that this might not be the fault of the Post Office.

I do not know what exactly is the power of an Army commander over the working of the postal service in the field; but when they went back into the woods the pioneers knew that a great man from on high had heard their grievances kindly and that he would assuredly do anything within reason to straighten things out.

The little incident took place in a part of the world where the day's work consists of elaborating with wonderful refinement the welcome which is in store for any German tanks that might endeavour to take that way. That welcome will be both warm and wet.

The rather wild looking pioneers and the exquisitely polished General are collaborators alike absorbed in the task of contriving that the greeting shall be more than adequate.

Many are the stories current about the inventiveness of the Germans in laying traps on the ground they yielded to the French last month. The colonel of an infantry regiment told me that

one of his men picked up a watch he saw lying in a heap of rubbish. He picked it up to his undoing, for it exploded a mine.

And here is an incident that happened when the French made a tactical retreat some days ago. A small outlying post, with a sergeant in charge, was left without instructions. Strange though it may seem, the sergeant had his bicycle with him.

"They" came and the little party found Germans to right and to left. One German post was attacked and outfought. The French party then decided to withdraw. They were fired at as they made their way back, but they joined their unit safely—and the sergeant still had his bicycle intact.

DESERTED STRASBOURG

Where was there in the world to be found a more cheerful city than Strasbourg, in the days of peace? There was no place of its size where the people led a livelier bustle.

To-day that bustle has gone utterly; the people of Strasbourg have gone, nearly 200,000 of them. I have spent a day at Strasbourg, and the sight is one that eyes have perhaps never seen the like of before—a great city, intact and deserted.

Geraniums flower on the balconies of the houses, and the little trellises of ivy stand on the terraces of the cafes. But in mile after mile of streets the blinds are drawn, the shutters down. It is as though a magic spell had been cast.

The scene would be less strange if there were but a few of the sounds of war to be heard, and gashees to be seen in the empty streets, shell holes in the roadway. But Strasbourg is untouched; and not a shot is to be heard.

Meanwhile just across the river, a couple of miles away, are the Germans. The Frenchmen one end of the Kehl Bridge, the Germans the other.

At the German end the curious belief seems to obtain that by means of soft words the French can be persuaded of the charm of Adolf Hitler's character and the amiability of his intentions.

REVOLT ADMITTED

An alleged letter revealing the part said to have been played by Mr. Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Horé-Bellisha in continuing the war and causing the Czechs to revolt against Germany is published by Hitler's newspaper, the *Voelkischer Beobachter*.

The letter is supposed to have been written by a Czech Jewish refugee in London to a "Dr. Zdenek Thon" in Prague. The newspaper's headlines on this are: "Secret Jewish Letter Revealed," "England's Ministers Only Judah's Men of Straw," "English-Jewish Agitation Seeks Fools for Dirty War Business."

They provide their opposite numbers on the Strasbourg shore with concerts, sandwiching the music with political blandishments.

One day a German soldier came waving a white handkerchief towards the middle of the bridge and threw a box of cigarettes across the wide barricade.

HITLER BOMBING THREAT

There seems at the same time to be a belief across the river that wordy threats may affect the defence. One can read at the whole distance of the flooded Rhine a quotation from Hitler, exhibited in letters of the size of an advertisement hoarding. It is a saying pointless enough. But the Germans must set great store by it, to judge by the trouble they have put themselves to, making it readable at 300 yards away.

The saying is to the effect that "after a few hours of jolly good bombing" the state of mind of the "warmongers" will be thoroughly changed. The gist of the propaganda at the eastern end of the bridge is that England is the warmonger and that France could enjoy a quiet life if she would only retire from the conflict.

The French smile grimly. The German cigarettes retrieved from the Kehl bridge were despatched down the line for authoritative analysis.

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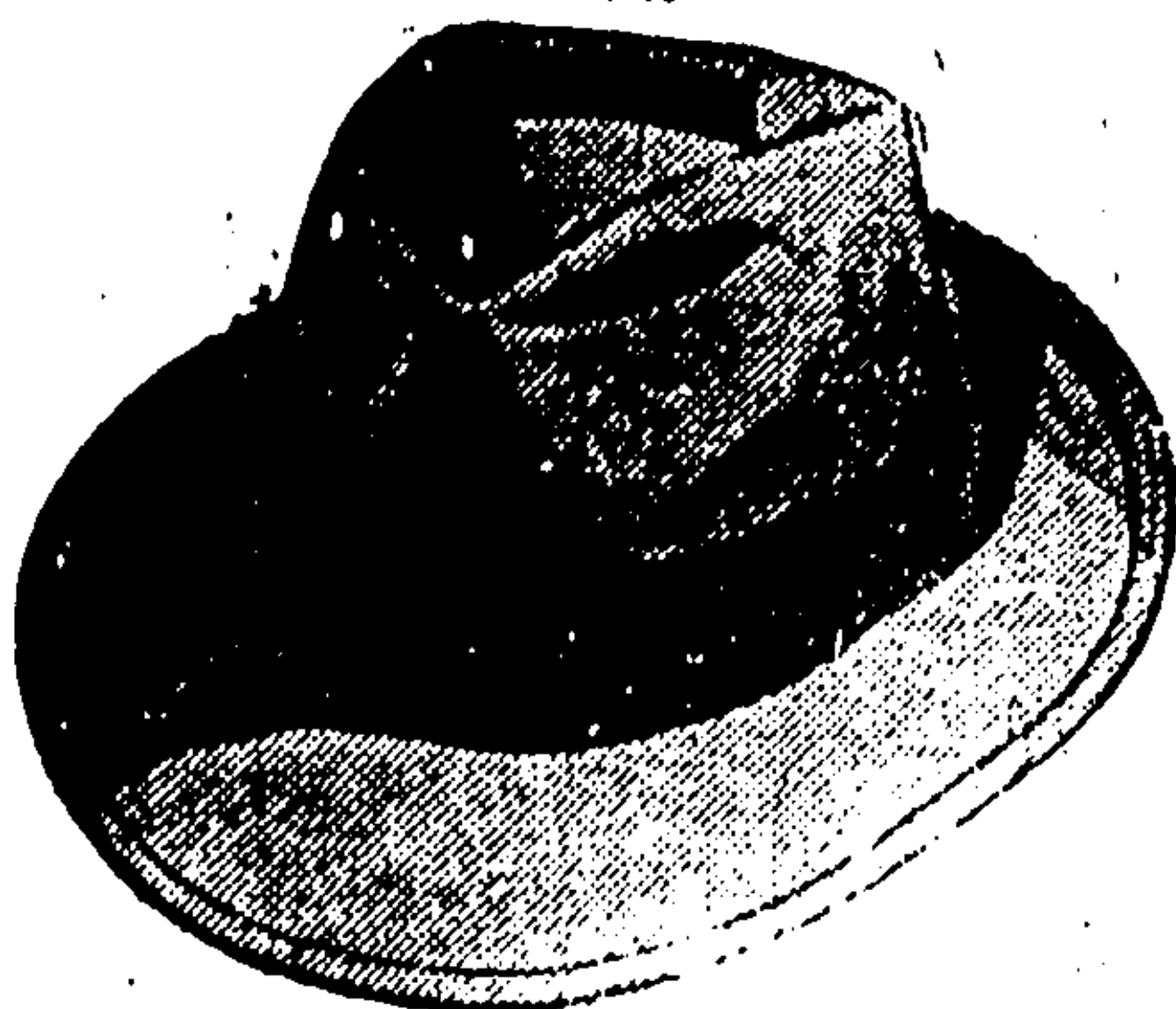
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TRUTH ABOUT FOOD RATIONS IN GERMANY

(By ANTHONY MANN)

IT is difficult indeed for the man in the street in England to form for himself an accurate picture of the food situation in Germany since the war began and the British blockade placed a vice-like grip on Nazi ocean-borne trade.

The issue is too much obscured by masses of supposition, inaccurate statements and misinformation on the economic position of the Reich before the war and by worthless speculations which have obtained wide currency during recent weeks.

How insecure and how untenable in the long run is the German economic position under the Third Reich became only too clear before the war to those whose work in Berlin permitted them to study the situation at first hand. Wild suggestions that the Nazis will be starved into submission or be swept away by an internal revolution within the next two or three months, are, however, mere wishful thinking on the part of those who make them. They betray, also, a false view of the aims of the blockade as a weapon of war.

PURPOSE OF BLOCKADE

Aimed primarily at cutting off Germany from raw materials vital to her war industries and at reducing her purchasing power abroad, the blockade only affects in a secondary manner the supplies to the Reich of human foodstuffs. Nevertheless, it means a very considerable tightening of belts all round—a fact which the Nazis recognised by putting into operation a complete rationing system as soon as the war began.

It is often forgotten that Germany has been rationed in many directions for several years. The rationing of bacon and butter which is talked of in Great Britain is insignificant beside the degree of rationing which Germans have had to tolerate ever since the introduction of Hermann Goering's "Four-Year Plan."

The plan was not, as many people erroneously suppose, a system which was to come to an end after four years. On the contrary it was a system of national economy intended to last until such time as the Third Reich had realised enough of its imperialistic ambitions to be able to discard it. The "Four-Year Plan"—and its less notorious successor, the "Second Four-Year Plan"—were devised principally to meet just the situation which has now arisen, a war where self-sufficiency to the maximal degree is of first importance to the Nazis.

Germany herself produces a very considerable percentage of her food needs. The percentage varies according to the harvest and the production index, but the amount of imported foodstuffs has been steadily reduced of recent years, as the intense rationalisation and the "total" methods of the Four-Year Plan took effect.

HARD ON MEAT-EATERS

Nevertheless, the study of the latest ration regulations issued in Germany throws an instructive light on

the Nazi food position under blockade conditions. It is possible for those with intimate knowledge of Germany to form an excellent picture of the degree of "Umstellung," or adjustment and substitution, which the ration regulations will render necessary in the ordinary German household.

The weekly ration of meat allowed to an adult in a normal occupation is 500 grammes (just over a pound). This amount does not sound too small as a war-time ration, but it must be remembered that it includes not only butcher's meat, but every kind of food made from meat, such as sausages, ham and meat pastes. In addition, up to 25 per cent. of bone may be included in the weight issued. Having regard to the relatively very large amounts of prepared meats and sausage of various kinds which are normally eaten for supper or lunch in Germany, this ration will mean a big reduction for many Germans, particularly in middle-class families.

It must also be remembered that the weekly joint, the most economical way of buying meat for a large family, is an institution unknown in Germany.

BREAD AND FATS

The weekly ration of 2,400 grammes (5lb.) of bread which is permitted at present should be adequate for the needs of the ordinary German, who normally eats bread only with his breakfast and supper. Bread and butter are not normally eaten at tea-time in Germany, and only a small proportion of Germans eat bread with their lunch. Bread and meat, such as ham and sausage, are, on the other hand, normally eaten in considerable quantities in the evening.

The quality of the bread in the Reich has been poor for several years, and will undoubtedly deteriorate rapidly as the reserve supplies of grain built up by Field-Marshal Goering are exhausted. The million tons of grain promised from Russia may take some considerable time to reach Germany, since transport conditions in the Soviet and in Eastern Poland are notoriously bad. During the last war, the German bread deteriorated continuously, until in 1918 it was a nauseating grey paste, containing straw and bits of wood.

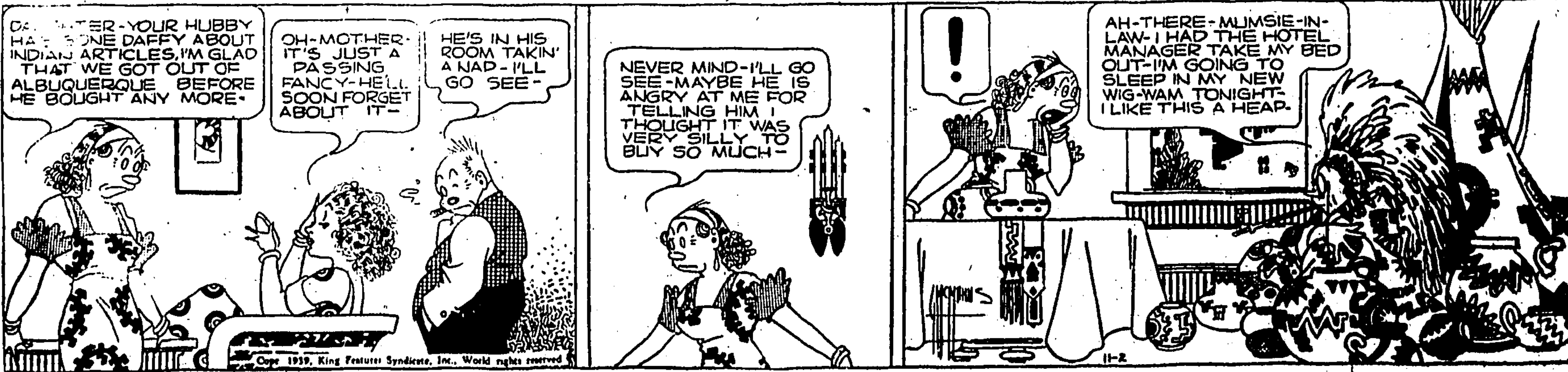
About half a pound (50 grammes) of sugar is allowed weekly, with 100 grammes of mixed fruit jam or artificial honey. Should the consumer not wish for any jam, he may take 290 grammes of sugar per week. This amount, of course, must suffice for cooking purposes as well as for sweetening beverages.

The real crux of German food difficulties, as during the last war, is the lack of fats. The normal consumer in Germany is at present allowed 288.75 grammes (three-fifths of a pound) of fat per week, inclusive of all categories. This embraces butter, margarine, synthetic cooking fats, suet, lard, olive oil, soya and

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



TRUTH ABOUT FOOD RATIONS IN GERMANY

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other plant oils, and pork fat.

Included in this ration are 112.50 grammes (rather more than a quarter of a pound) of butter, which is, however, of exceedingly poor quality. Foreign diplomats, journalists and other residents in Germany during the last year or two habitually imported their own butter from Denmark or Holland to avoid both the shortage and the quality of German butter.

ONE EGG A WEEK

In order to supplement the supplies of fats available for human consumption, the Nazi authorities made extensive experiments in the Veredelung, or ultra-refinement, of commercial fats to make them fit for food. So great are the demands of modern mechanised transport and munitions manufacture, however, that the process has, if anything, been reversed, and food fats are being sacrificed to produce grease and oil.

Besides home-produced butter, Nazi supplies of oils and fats are derived chiefly from the following sources.

1. Whale oil imports from Norway, supplemented by German whaling expeditions.
2. Soya bean and other plant oils from Manchukuo and South-East Europe.
3. Synthetic fat from coal.
4. Palm and other tropical imported oils.

Many of these sources have been seriously interfered with by the British blockade, as have many of the sources from which Germany obtained petroleum and mineral oil products.

It was the lack of adequate fats which particularly struck a neutral medical expert who recently left Germany. From a scientific point of view, he told me, the Nazi ration card might be said to be adequate in protein but lacking in calories. The low quantity of meat allowed, with the consequent drop in albumen, is not compensated by a good supply of eggs.

Eggs are issued at the rate of one a week—if available—in exchange for the now almost proverbial "Abschnitt L 48" of the ration card.

Milk, the third main source of albumen, is available only in minute quantities and skimmed, for adults in normal occupations; fish, which also contains much albumen, is not very extensively eaten in Germany.

Workers in heavy industries, who are subject to great physical exertion, are entitled to considerably increased rations of all the foodstuffs mentioned here, except sugar and jam. Children's rations are considerably less than normal adult rations in some categories.

POTATOES NOT RATIONED
Such foodstuffs as rice, porridge

meal and sago, as well as coffee substitute, are dealt with under the special heading of "Nahrungsmittel," or "means of nourishment" as distinct from food. Only small amounts of the cereal products are allowed by adult standards, though the quantities are perfectly adequate for children, who also receive milk.

The "coffee substitute" is a bitter and somewhat nauseating beverage, manufactured variously from acorns, roasted barley, chicory and various prepared hedgerow products. Tea and cocoa are not on the normal ration card and are available only "on occasion," which presumably means when they have been seized as contraband by the German navy or have reached the Reich in small quantities via the Balkans.

Potatoes, a staple food product in Germany, are not rationed and are available this year in ample quantity. Should the war last several years, however, the possibility of a bad potato harvest cannot be excluded. Of considerable significance in this context are the ravages of the Colorado beetle, which have increased annually in Germany during the past five years. The beetle, coming into Germany from France and Belgium, has now been reported in districts as far east as Dresden and Linz, Austria, and many thousands of tons of potatoes are being destroyed annually, despite the use of chemical sprays and armies of "anti-beetle workers." The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute has been engaged for many months in trying to evolve a beetle-proof potato.

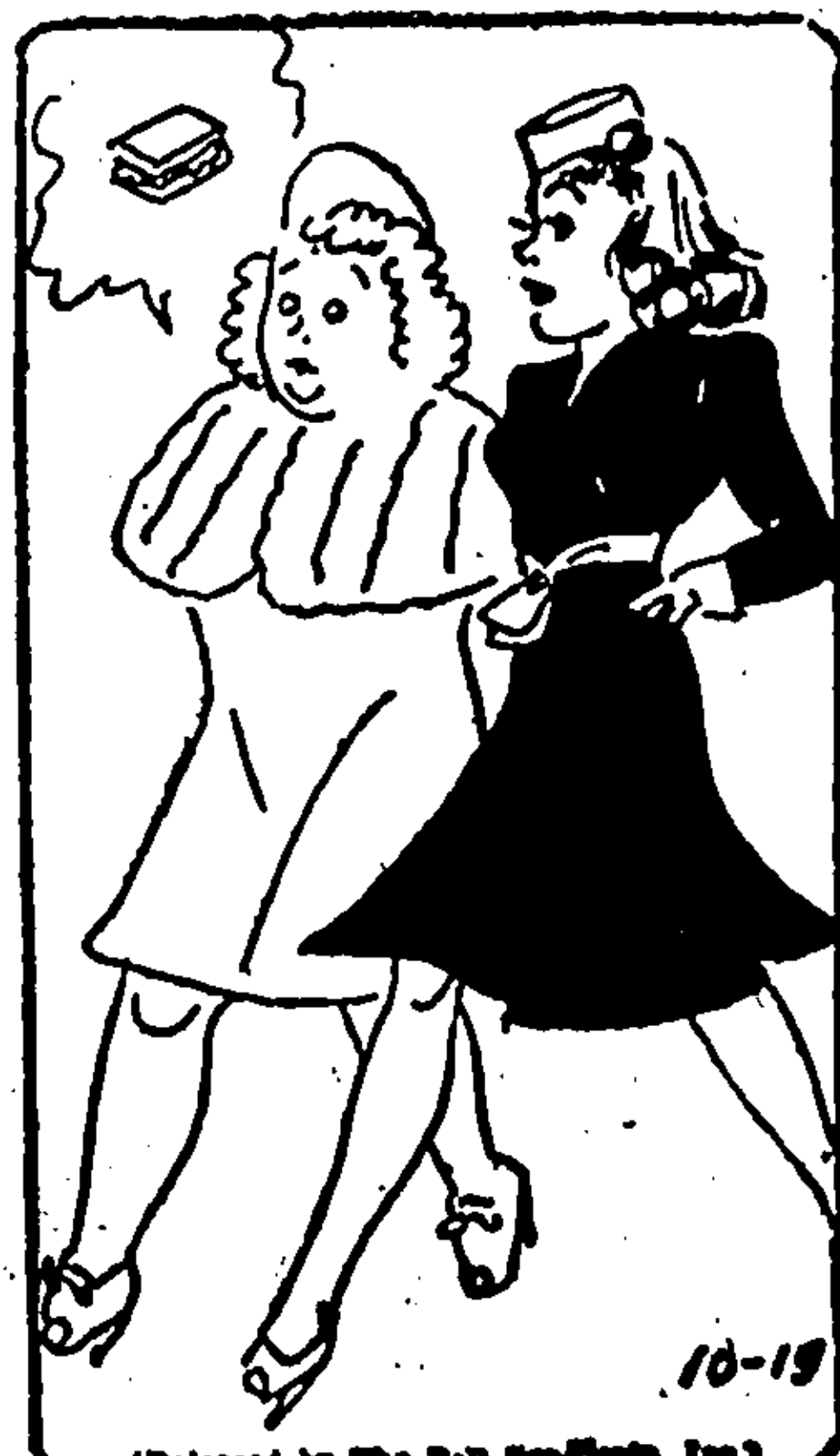
What, then, are the results of German rationing? The population is certainly not starving. The effect of severe rationing of the German type first becomes apparent after a considerable period of months.

HOW THE GERMAN LIVES

It is difficult for English people, even for those who will remember vividly the privations of the last war, to imagine what it means to obtain small quantities of practically every necessary commodity by queuing with ration cards; to have no milk; to obtain a stick of "standard Government shaving soap" once every four months; to obtain synthetic underwear, hats, coats and boots on ration cards—provided that one can prove that the last ones are worn out—to drink unsweetened coffee made from acorns.

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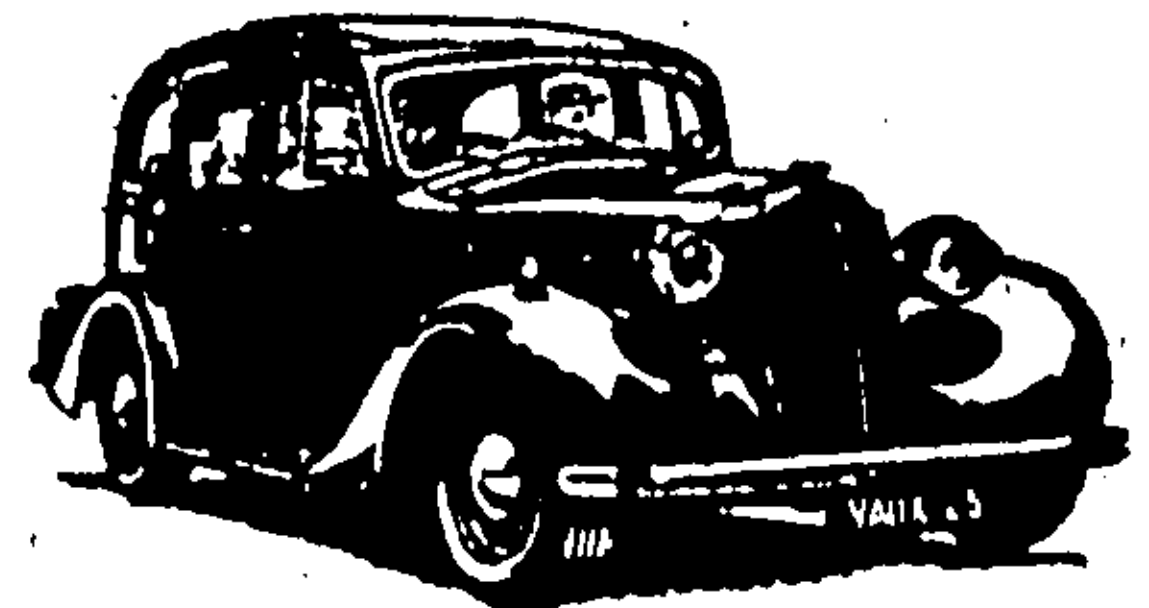
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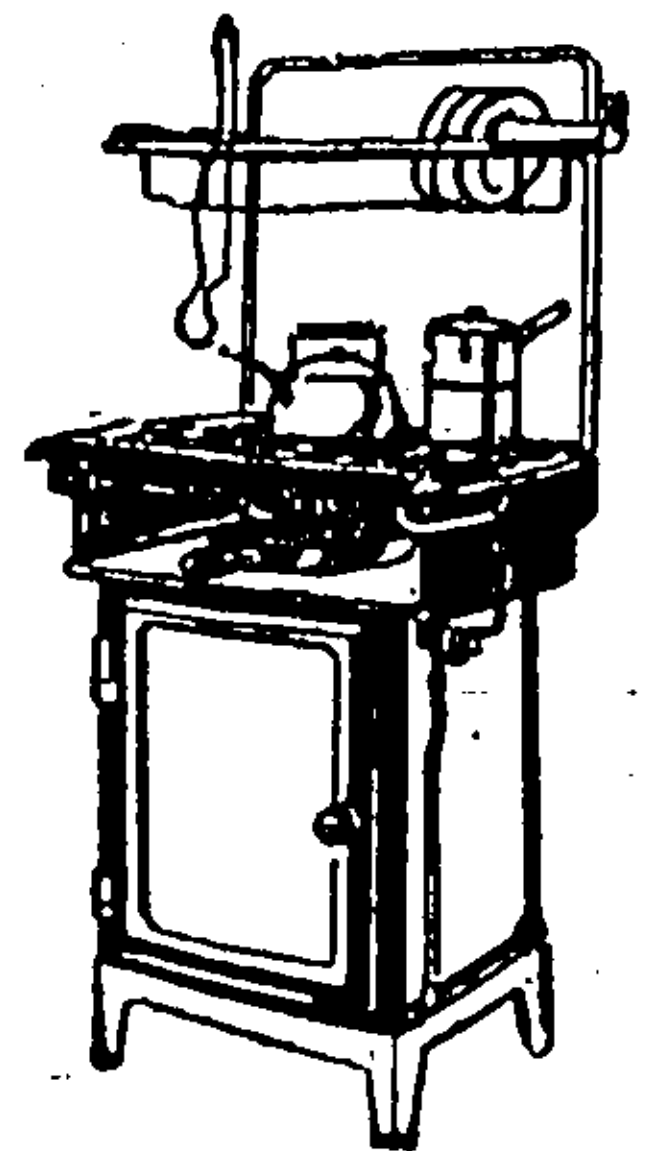
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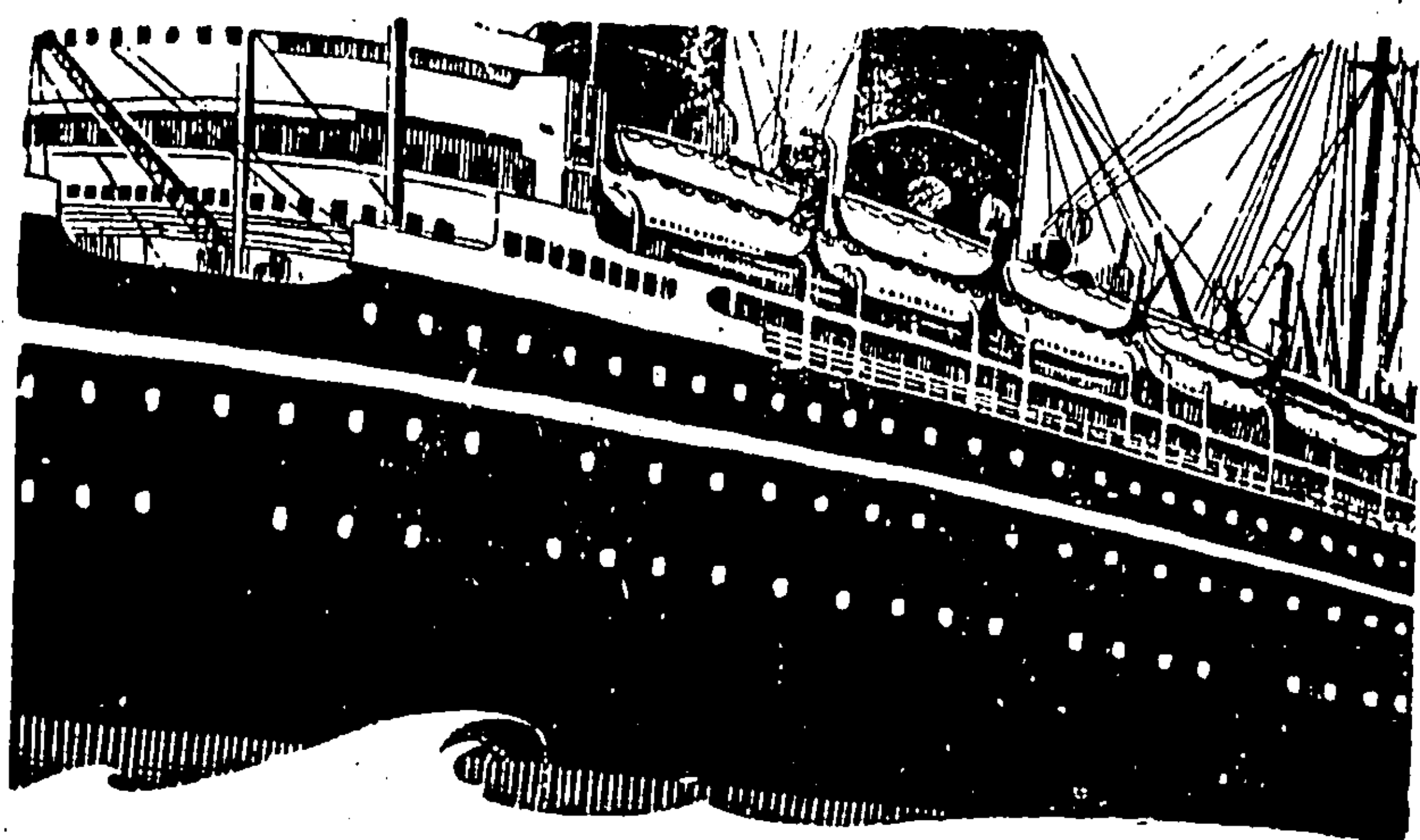
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Straits		Dec. 3, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai		Dec. 3, 9.00 a.m.
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Shanghai		Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m.
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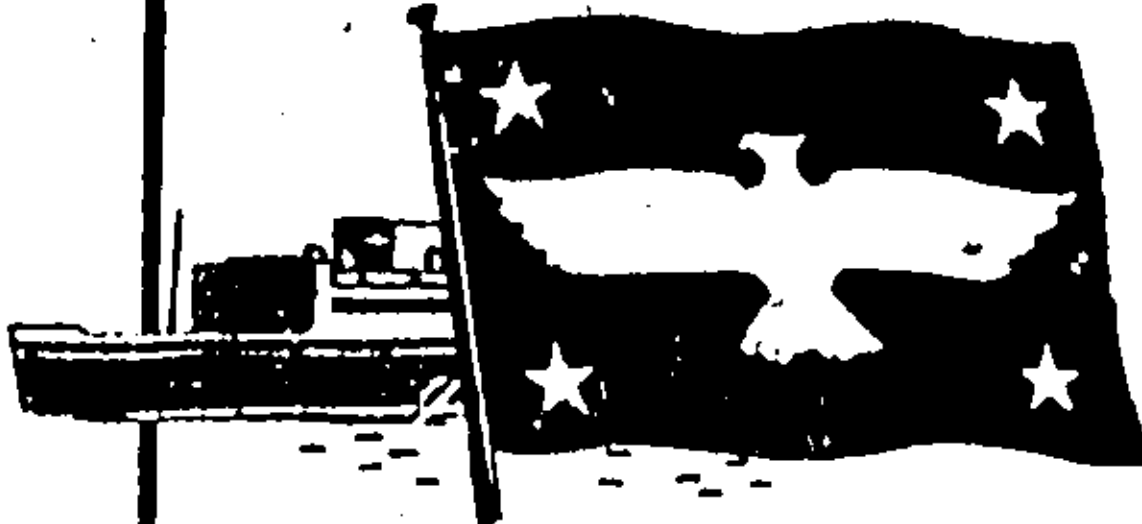
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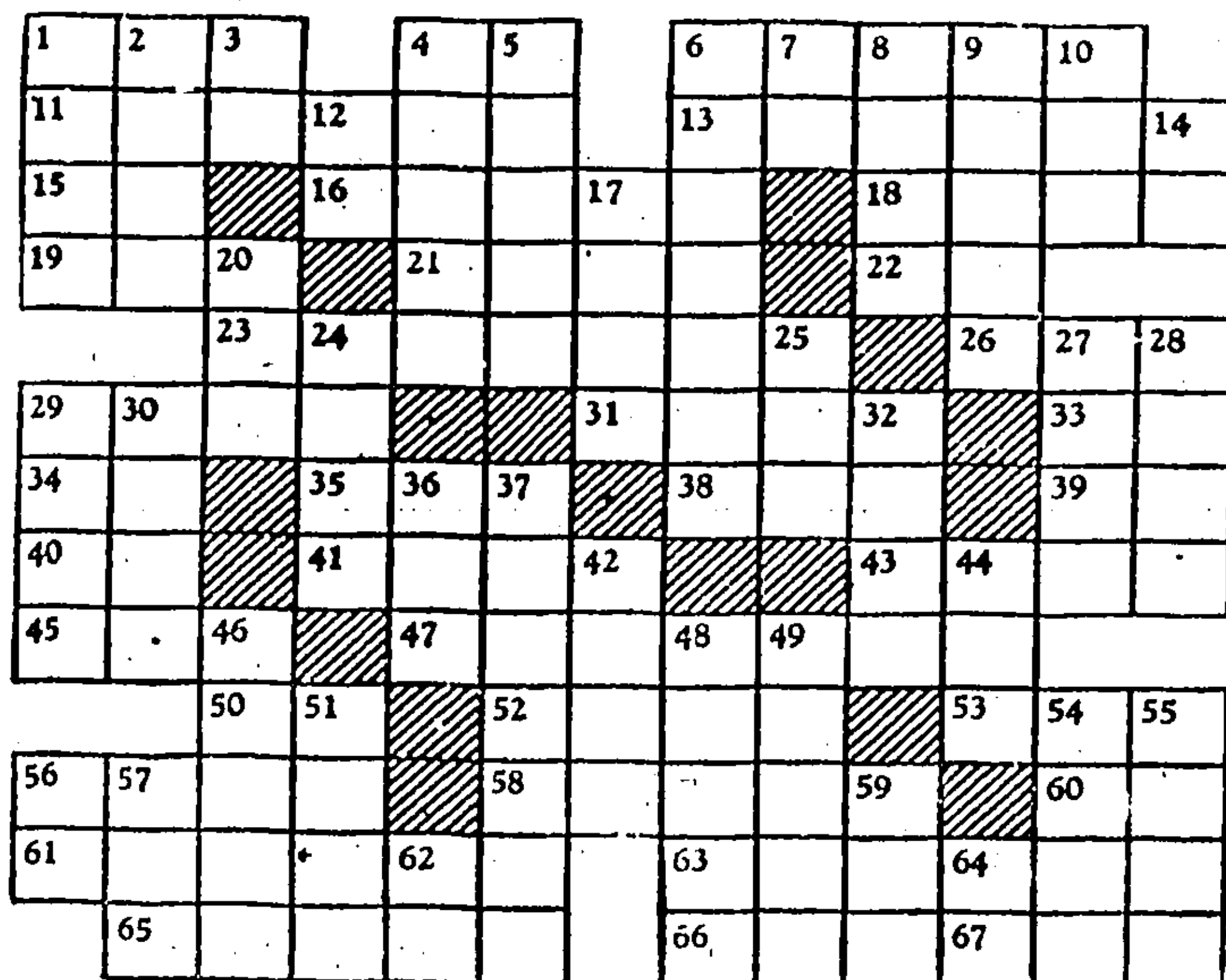
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- 22 Note of scale
- 23 Harvesters
- 26 Secret agent
- 29 Mexican Indian
- 31 Appear
- 33 Each (abbr.)
- 34 Part of "to be"
- 35 Plant juice
- 38 Ocean
- 39 Printer's measure
- 40 Greek letter
- 41 Weary
- 43 Irritates
- 45 Unit of energy
- 47 Domain
- 50 Near
- 52 Measure of length
- 53 Tap
- 56 Roman historian

VERTICAL

- 58 Sarcasm
- 60 Sun god
- 61 Worships
- 63 Befitting a poet
- 65 Clergyman's scarf
- 66 Comparative ending
- 67 A grain

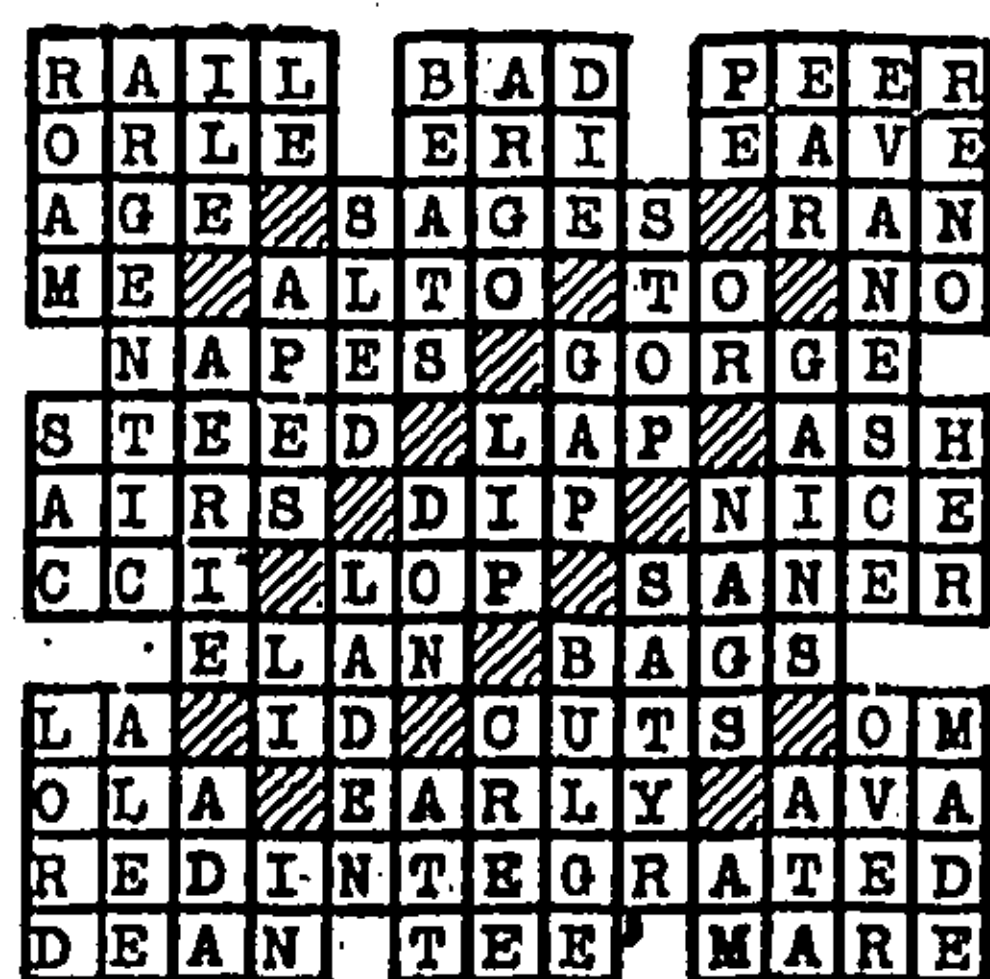
VERTICAL

- 1 Dip out water
- 2 Italian river
- 3 Japanese drama
- 4 Genus of frogs
- 5 Leather belt
- 6 Sticks
- 7 Note of scale
- 8 More than
- 9 Resides
- 10 Holland commune

VERTICAL

- 12 Part of "to be"
- 14 Printer's measure
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- 20 Peep
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- 27 A glance
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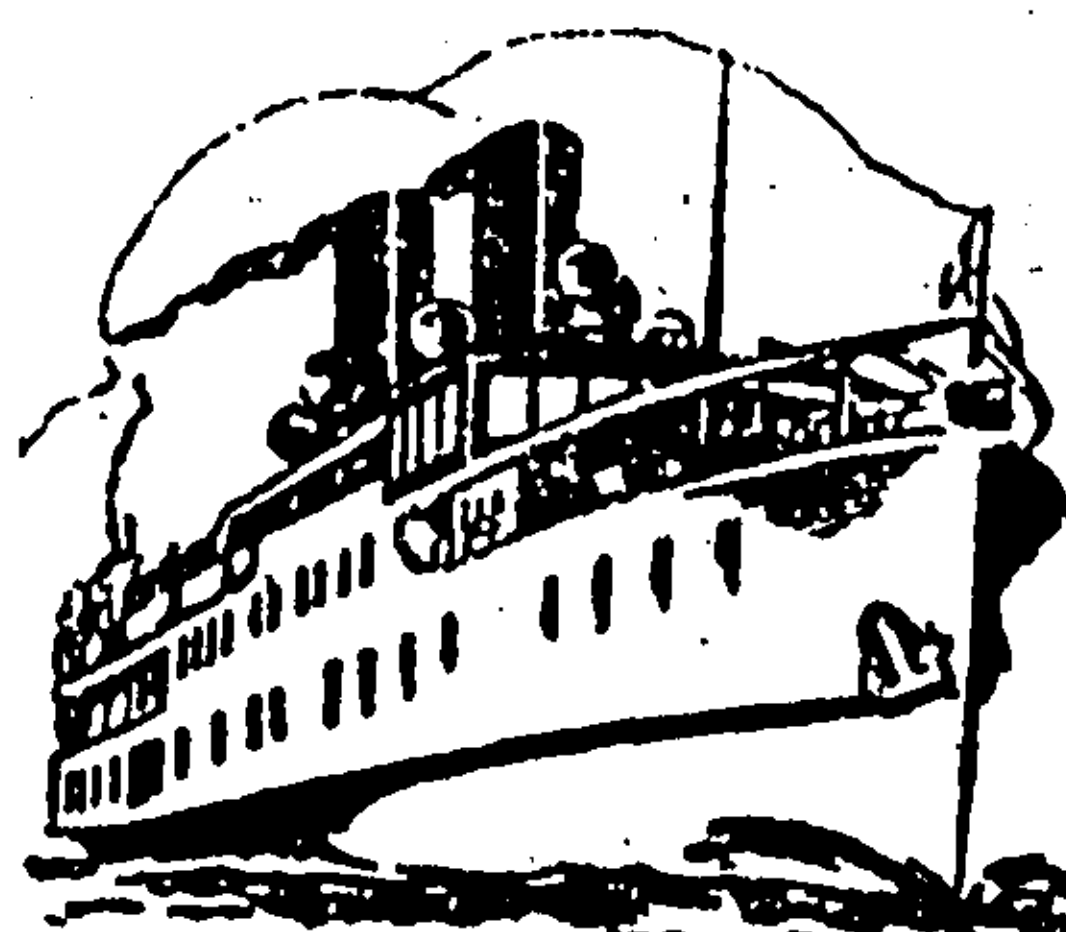
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OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the death of No. 2888 Pte. C. N. da Silva, No. 5 Coy., which occurred on 29.11.39.

PARADES

2ND BATTERY

Battery Parade
Sunday, 3rd Dec. H. Q. 9.00 a.m.
Uniform—S. D. caps, K. D. jackets, K. D. shorts, hose tops and puttees, lanyard, belt, frog and haversack web and boots.

LAYERS' CLASS

Sunday, 3rd Dec. Scandal Point. 10 a.m.

LAYERS & A.A.L.M.G. CLASSES
Mon. 4th Dec. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. D.R.F. detachment as detailed by B.S.M.

RIGHT SECTION

Tuesday, 5th Dec. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 detachment. Gun drill.
Thursday, 7th Dec. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 detachment. Gun drill.

LEFT SECTION

Wednesday, 6th Dec. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 detachment. Gun drill.
Friday, 8th Dec. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 detachment. Gun drill.
D.R.F. detachments as detailed by B.S.M.

DRESS FOR THE ABOVE PARADES

Overalls and S. D. caps.

UNIFORM

Tuesday, 5th Dec. 5.00 p.m. H. Q. Q. M's. Stores.

LAYERS EXAMINATION

Sunday, 10th Dec. 9.00 p.m. Scandal Point. Uniform as for Battery parade.

3RD BATTERY

GUN DETACHMENTS

Monday, 4th Dec. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. A Detachment.

Thursday, 7th Dec. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. B Detachment. Dress for bouzouki parades. S. D. and G. P. shoes.

RANGE-TAKERS

Monday, 4th Dec. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S. D. caps and G. P. shoes.

Thursday, 7th Dec. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S. D. caps and G. P. shoes.

LEWIS GUN SQUAD

Thursday, 7th Dec. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S. D. caps.
Tuesday, 5th Dec. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S. D. caps.

D.E.L. PERSONNEL

Friday, 8th Dec. Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S. D. caps.

5TH BATTERY

Saturday, 2nd Dec. H. Q. 2.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections. Proceed to Shek-O camp.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Monday, 4th Dec. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Company drill under R.S.M. Dress—Muffi.

Thursday, 7th Dec. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Company meeting.

Rifles and equipment still in possession of members will be returned at once to K.C.R.

CORPS SIGNALS

Monday, 4th Dec. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training and payment of camp pay (This day only).

Friday, 8th Dec. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

MOBILE COLUMN

ARMOURD CAR PLATOON

Monday, 4th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class—Indication and recognition. B Class—M. G. instruction.

Friday, 8th Dec. Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class—As detailed. B Class—M. G. instruction.

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Monday, 4th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All ranks.

Friday, 8th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O's Class.

NO. 1 COMPANY

NOS. 1 & 2 PLATOONS

Tuesday, 5th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. As company programme.

Friday, 8th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. As company programme.

NO. 4 (TROOP) PLATOON

Tuesday, 5th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

Friday, 8th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Sunday, 3rd Dec. H. Q. 9.50 a.m. Church parade. Dress as detailed in company circular.

Wednesday, 6th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Class B. M. G. training. Stripping and assembling.

Thursday 7th Dec. (i) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Docks. 5.30 p.m. L. G. training. A. A. drill. (ii) No. 7 Platoon. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Class A. Pistol training. Belts will be worn. Class B. M. G. training.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Monday, 4th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in company training programme.

Thursday, 7th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in company training programme.

Sunday, 10th Dec. Stonecutters. M. G. Part II. Those detailed.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Monday, 4th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O's Class. L.G.T.O.E.T.

Wed. 6th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Infantry training. Belts, bayonet frogs, and rifle slings must be brought on this and on all future Infantry training parades.

Friday 8th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L. G. instruction. Lesson 5.

NO. 5 COMPANY

Tuesday, 5th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Class A—Lecture on the sequence and object of various drills (ii) Class B—Section drill, night firing. (iii) Class C—Repairs and adjustment.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Monday, 4th Dec. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. Rifle training. Loading and unloading.

Thursday, 7th Dec. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. Rifle training—aiming instruction. Pay for camp after this parade.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY SUPPLY SECTION

Saturday, 2nd Dec. R.A.S.C. Camber. Queen's Road, 4 p.m. A Squad. Dress—K. D. tunic, shirt, shorts, S. D. cap, puttees, hosetops, boots, belt. Remainder of equipment in kit bag.

Tuesday, 5th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 B Squad. Compulsory parade in uniform with equipment. Dress—K. D. tunic, shirt, trousers, S. D. cap, belt, boots. Remainder of equipment in kit bag.

Saturday, 9th Dec. R.A.S.C. Camber. Queen's Road, 4 p.m. for attachment to R.A.S.C. Dress—K. D. tunic shirt, shorts, S. D. cap, puttees, hosetops, belt, boots. Remainder of equipment in kit bag.

TRANSPORT SECTION

Monday, 4th Dec. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. N.C.O's. Drill, (belt and sidearms).

Thursday, 7th Dec. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Optional.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 6th Dec. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Unit photograph will be taken. Dress—K. D. jacket, trousers, cap, webbing belt and boots.

Friday, 8th Dec. 5.30 p.m. Companies will parade independently for lectures in First Aid; places will be notified on the Wednesday parade. Civilian dress.

All ground sheets taken from camp on 23rd Nov. must be returned to the Unit C.Q.M.S. on Wednesday, 6th Dec.

PAY SECTION

Those detailed.

ATTACHMENT

Captain F. J. W. Focken, Shanghai Volunteer Corps, is attached to Corps Headquarters w.e.f. 1.12.39.

APPOINTMENT

1797, Fy/Cadet, J. E. Potter, Air Arm, Acting C.S.M. 1.12.39.

TRANSFER

3523, Gnr. A. R. Kinross, 1st Bty. 5th A. A. Bty. 24.11.39.

LEAVE

3316, Pte. A. J. R. Johnstone, No. 1 Coy. 1.9.39—30.8.40.

3193, Sgt. H. W. Merrick, Pay Section. 20.12.39—19.1.40.

1993, Pte. F. H. King, No. 1 Coy. 24.11.39—23.11.40.

DR02, Pte. W. H. S. Davis, No. 1 Coy. 24.11.39—23.12.39.

3390, Pte. H. J. Cowie, No. 1 Coy. 26.11.39/18.12.39.

2231, Sgt. R. Rathmell, C. Signals. 1.1.40—15.2.40.

The following leave is cancelled. 2141, Pte. H. F. Hickman, M. M. G. Pl. 29.11.39—29.12.39.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

1798, Sgt. G. W. Bowden, No. 7 Coy. 12.9.39.

689, Pte. W. F. Kerr, Res. Sec. B. 3.11.39.

3722, Cpl. W. N. A. Smalley, Pay Section. 6.11.39.

1532, A/C.S.M. W. E. Peers, Air Arm 1.12.39.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4222, Gnr. Y. W. Yung, 3rd Battery 23.8.39.

4223, Pte. J. B. Logan, Stanley Platoon 23.8.39.

4224, Gnr. S. H. Leung, 5th A. A. Bty. 27.11.39.

4225, Gnr. E. F. Fincher, 5th A. A. Bty. 27.11.39.

4226, Pte. J. M. Thomson, No. 2 Coy. 29.11.39.

4227, Pte. E. S. Hall, No. 2 Coy. 30.11.39.

E. N. Thursby

NOTICES

There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee at 5.30 p.m. Wednesday 13th December, 1939. The Mess will be closed for this purpose between 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

CORPS RIFLE CLUB

All applicants for membership of the Rifle Club who have not yet forwarded their forms of application are requested to send them in as early as possible.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. LECTURE

The next lecture in First Aid will be held at St. John Cathedral Hall on Friday, 8th December, at 5.30 p.m. A short drill will follow this Lecture, and Members are requested to wear suitable shoes.

BANDAGING CLASSES

Practical Bandaging Classes will be held on Monday, 4th December at 10.30 a.m. in Volunteer H. Q. and 5.30 p.m. at 13, Leighton Hill, Happy Valley. Transport for the evening class will leave Volunteer H. Q. at 5.15 p.m.

ATTACHMENT TO MILITARY HOSPITAL

Attachments to Military Hospital will, with effect from 1st January 1940 be of a week's duration only. No week-end attachments will be considered.

Sgt. Mrs. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Asst. Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D. Corps.

BIG SOFTBALL GAME

The long-awaited tussle between Recreio "A" and Ball Club in the Men's Softball League will be played to-morrow at 3.30 p.m. at Recreio.

LADIES' HOCKEY

HONG KONG'S STRENGTHENED SENIOR TEAM

There are only three ladies' hockey matches down for decision this afternoon, two of them being in the Caer Clark Cup competition.

Most interesting fixture should be that at King's Park between Recreio and Hong Kong Ladies. The latter team is weaker than it has probably ever been in its history and will have to pull out all it knows to take the points from the keen Portuguese girls.

For Hong Kong the inclusion of Miss June Booker and Miss Watson, former C.B.S. cracks, in the intermediate-line should strengthen this department considerably, while Miss Gray, veteran Interporter is also back in harness at right-back. The forward line is at full strength.

Recreio will have out their usual team but in view of the general strengthening of the Hong Kong team they are unlikely to secure the points.

Central British School having been badly beaten by St. Andrew's last week are unlikely to take points from the powerful "Y" team, further strengthened by the return of Miss K. Pocock to the pivotal position.

In the only junior game Recreio should account for C.B.S.

PROGRAMME

CAER CLARK CUP
Recreio v H.K. Ladies
(Recreio, 3.00 p.m.)
C. B. S. v "Y" Ladies
(C. B. S., 3.00 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP

C. B. S. v Recreio
(C. B. S., 4.15 p.m.)

FRIENDLY

"Y" Ladies' 2nd XI v C. B. A.
(King's Park, 3.00 p.m.)

TEAMS

CAER CLARK CUP
H.K. Ladies:—Miss H. Baskett; Miss Gray and Miss Stratton; Miss G. Smith, Miss Booker and Miss B. Watson; Miss G. Marr, Mrs. W. Dalziel, Miss J. Grieg, Miss N. Quinn and Miss A. Purvis.
Recreio:—Miss G. Barros; Mrs. N. Silva and Miss O. Botelho; Mrs. A. Remedios, Miss P. Gonsalves and Mrs. L. Silva; Miss B. Remedios, Miss N. Campos, Miss C. Silva, Miss A. Alves and Miss C. Remedios.
C.B.S.:—Miss J. Macfayden; Miss B. Goodwin and Miss M. Horwood; Miss S. Rousseau, Miss P. Kirby and Miss J. Kew; Miss E. Watson, Miss J. Bradbury, Miss J. Moss, Miss M. Shand and Miss V. Sissons.
"Y" Ladies:—Miss Minot; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss K. Pocock; Mrs. Burnett (captain), Miss Barker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner and Miss Beckler.

BRAWN CUP
Recreio:—Miss Silva, Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss T. Gonsalves, Miss M. Silva, Miss Osmond and Miss Carvalho, Miss M. Gonsalves, Miss Rozario, Mrs. Castro, Miss Campos and Miss Figueiredo.
C.B.S.:—Miss P. Loseby; Miss V. Moss and Miss S. Gehring; Miss J. Burroughs, Miss J. Bonney and Miss B. Hobbs; Miss K. Grant, Miss J. Stokes, Miss A. Nash, Miss E. Rousseau and Miss P. Berahn.

FRIENDLY

"Y" Ladies' 2nd XI:—Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Grieg; Miss Dunne, Miss Stokes and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss V. Bradbury (captain), Miss Buchanan and Mrs. Macklin.

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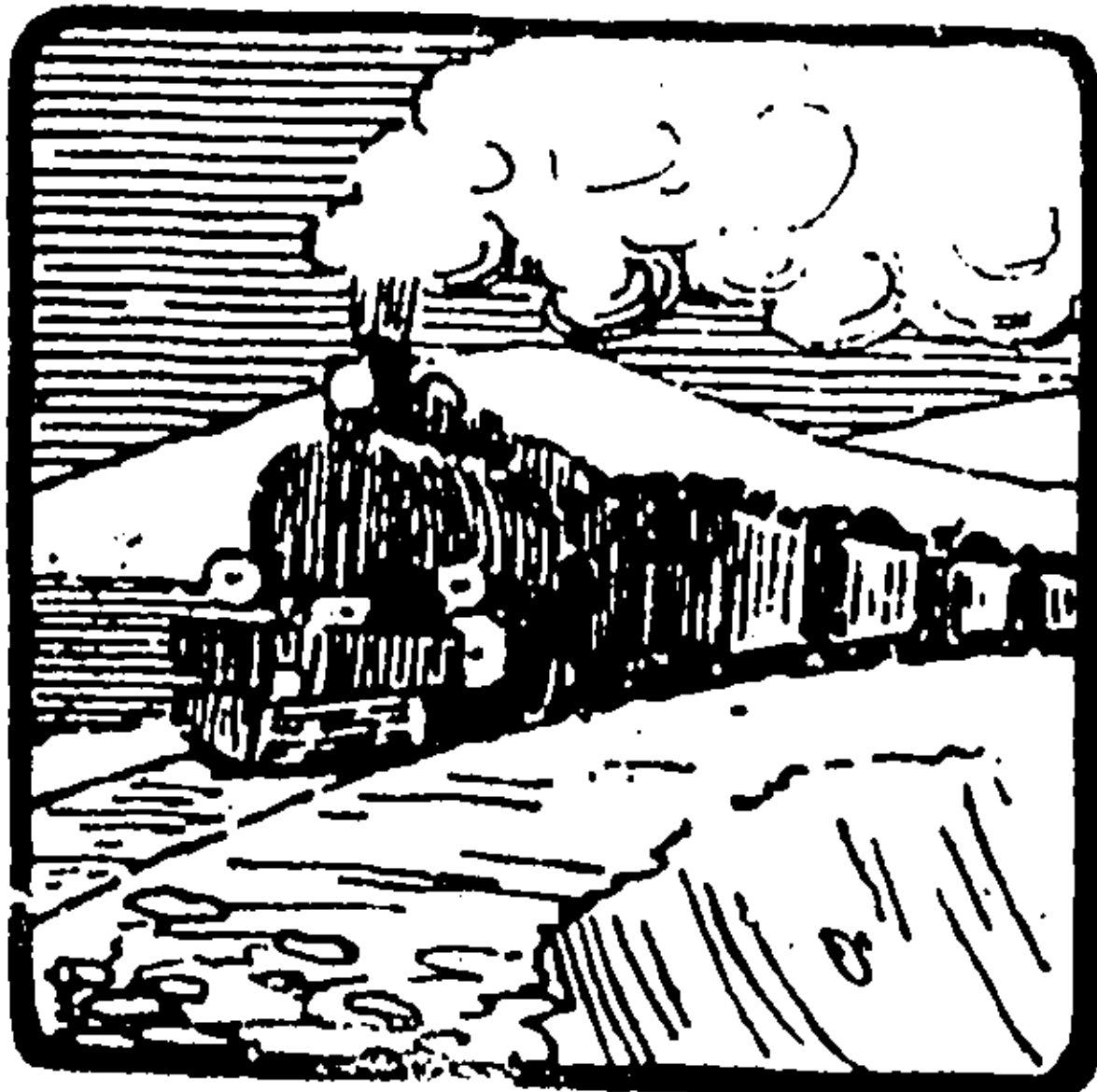
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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

**BURDELL
MURDER
MYSTERY**

By VINCENT TOWNE

Harvey Burdell was born on a farm near Herkimer, N.Y., in 1811. Turned adrift by his parents when just entering his teens, he became a typesetter on a country weekly. Then he wandered to New York City, where he studied dentistry, in the office of his brother, John. To complete his dental education, he also took a course in medicine.

He was a large, handsome man of powerful frame with expressive eyes and a fully dark beard. Quarreling with his brother, he set up practice for himself, acquiring many patients and grew very rich. After a few years, he became engaged to a rich young woman, who, in 1835, dismissed him because in a fit of anger he had struck her father. Thereupon the dentist became engaged to the adopted daughter of a wealthy New Yorker, but after appearing for the wedding in the presence of the clergyman and guests he flew into a passion because the father of his bride-elect would not make a settlement of \$20,000 upon him. The result of the dispute was the bride's marrying the best man.

Another woman figuring in Burdell's life was the widow of George C. Cunningham, who had died leaving her an insurance of \$10,000. After she had spent this in extravagant living she became Burdell's housekeeper. She brought to his house two sons and two daughters, all under age. She held the premises under normal lease and Burdell ostensibly sublet from her the front parlor on the street floor also the front and rear bedrooms on the second floor.

The second story front chamber he used as an operating room and he slept in the rear bedroom. He kept one servant, a lad, who served as office boy and valet and who slept outside. Mrs. Cunningham kept two other lodgers—John J. Eckel, a manufacturer, and George V. Snodgrass, the son of a clergyman. Dr. Burdell took his meals at a nearby hotel.

Friday, January 30, 1857, was dark and rainy. During the afternoon, Dr. Burdell received several patients until 5 o'clock, when he put on his long coat and hat, threw a heavy shawl about his shoulders and stepped out upon the front steps. Raising his umbrella, he descended to the pavement and started leisurely toward Broadway.

That was the last seen of him alive. About 8 the next morning, the office boy, entering the operating room with a scuttle of coal, had difficulty in opening the door. Pushing against some object that obstructed it, he looked behind it and was terrified to find the body of Dr. Burdell, upon the floor. He was covered with blood from many wounds. He was fully dressed. There was blood everywhere—on the floor, the walls, furniture, in the hall and upon the upper stairways. The furniture was upset and there were evidences of a desperate struggle. The gas was still burning at full head.

Burdell's features were almost unrecognizable. About the throat a great welt bore evidence that he had been strangled, and distributed over his body were 15 stab wounds, narrow and deep, as if made by a slender dagger. The position of the bloodstains upon the floor indicated that he had been seated in a chair by his instrument case when attacked, also that he had been assaulted very soon after entering the room. One murderer had apparently thrown about his neck the cord that had strangled him, while another had delivered the dagger thrusts.

The office boy ran to the dining room, where he found Mrs. Cunningham, her family and Snodgrass at breakfast. The housekeeper burst into tears when told of the murder and ran to the death chamber, followed by Snodgrass. Eckel, according to his daily custom, had breakfasted early and gone to his factory.



Stepping Out Into The Rain He Was Never Again Seen Alive.

Cries of murder uttered by the cook caused the house to swarm with people. The coroner's investigation indicated that the stab wounds had been made by a left-handed person and, as Mrs. Cunningham was left-handed, she was arrested, as were Snodgrass and Eckel. In the attic, they found a blood-

stained sheet, a man's nightshirt and a towel. There were bloodstains in the bedroom of Snodgrass, and even upon the pages of a book of poems found upon the piano in the parlour. In the fireplace of the murder chamber were evidences that paper and leather had been burned, the fire hav-

ing been suddenly extinguished by water. The dentist's gold watch and pocketbook were found upon his body and none of his property was missing.

Mrs. Cunningham was tried the first week in May. After three days she was acquitted and her alleged accomplices were never brought to trial. The strangest chapter in the mystery was now to follow. Mrs. Cunningham put in a claim for the murdered dentist's estate stating that she was his widow and, when his heirs contested the claim more than 150 witnesses were called to substantiate her evidence that she had married to Burdell on October 28, 1856, by Dr. Marvine of the Dutch Reformed Church on Bleecker Street. But, according to the Burdell claimants, she had carried out the marriage with a man made up to personate Burdell. Mrs. Cunningham brought forward a child which she claimed to have been hers by the murdered man, but when confronted with evidence that it was not hers, she confessed, and the prosecution was dropped. However, the murder mystery was never cleared up.

Tragedy followed in its wake. Burdell's brother died in an insane asylum and Eckel died in the Albany Penitentiary, where he had been imprisoned for whisky frauds. Mrs. Cunningham, after surviving the tragedy 30 years, died of a brain malady while living in poverty and under an assumed name in an obscure Harlem flat.



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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—The Boswell Sisters and Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Cicely Courtneidge, Jack Buchanan and the New Mayfair Orchestra.
Comedienne—The Sunshine Cruise (McLaren, Hulbert & Ray); Humpty, Humpty (Ray); Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra.
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Sketch—The Cure (Hiccoughs) (Dion Titheradge)...Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert assisted by Laurence Green & Cecile Dixon.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—How Can You Face Me: She Fell For A Feller From "Copsala"... Jack Jackson & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Delishious (from the film): Waltz—Someday I'll Find You (film 'Private Lives')...Leo Reisman & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—A Shack In The Back Of The Hills: Shenanigans (film 'Outside of Paradise')...Horace Heldt & His Alemitte Brizadlers.
Slow Fox-Trot—You Passed Me By: Tango—Once Only...George Boulanger & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—There's Something Wrong With The Weather: You Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By...The Organ, The Dance Band & Me.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—VARIETY with Curtis and Ames, Frances Day, Major & Minor, Florence Desmond & Others.
Vocal Duets—Cheer Up (from the film): You Can't Pull The Wool Over My Eyes (Agar & Others)...Curtis and Ames at the Piano.
Vocal—Midnight And Music (film 'Who's your lady friend?'): Because You Are You (Sonin & Tavor)...Frances Day (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Accordeon Band—Boo-Hoo (Hevman & Others): Delyse (Gilbert-Nicholls)...Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.
Singers On Parade—
I'm gonna lock my heart... Sam Costa.
I'm sorry I said I loved you... Helen Clare.
You couldn't be cuter... Paula Green.
The Sweetest Song in the World... George Barclay.
A-tisket, a-tasket... Pat Hyde.
Little lady make-believe... Al Bowlly.
Love walked in... Marjorie Stedford.
Time and time again... Jack Plant.
It's d'lovely... Dinah Miller.
The Red Maple Leaves... Dan Donovan.
Says my heart... Alice Mann.
Music, maestro, please... Jack Cooner.
Accordeon Band—Don't Save Your Smiles (Davis & Others): She Came From Alsace Lorraine (Tida-Carr)...Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.
Vocal Duets—By The Wishing Well (Hummel): Accent On Youth (from the film)...Curtis and Ames with Piano.
Impersonations—A Hollywood Bridge Game. Intro: Jimmy Durante, Zasu Pitts, Lupe Velez, Mae West...Florence Desmond.
Vocal Duets—A More Or Less Volca Boat Song (Alex McGilli): Tricky Little Tune (Alex McGilli)...Major and Minor with Orchestra.

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus.
"Duchess of Dantzle"—Vocal Gems (Carvill)...Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Tolanthe"—Overture (Gilbert, Sullivan)...The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.
"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Vocal Gems (Planquette)...Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—Washboard Blues: Weary Blues...Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Sing Brothers (from 'Tell her the Truth'): Hoch Caroline (from 'Tell her the Truth')...Ambrose & His Orch.
Waltz—Little Sir Echo: Fox-Trot—The Pretty Little Quaker Girl...Mantovani & His Orchestra.
Quickstep—That Sly Old Gentleman (film 'East Side of Heaven'): Tango—South Of The Border...Jack Harris & His Orch.
Fox-Trots—How Many Rhymes Can You Get? Toot-Too-Tootle On Your Flute...Billy Cotton & His Band.
Novelty Dance—The Handsome Territorial: Fox-Trot—We've Come A Long Way Together...Billy Cotton & His Band.
Fox-Trots—What Goes Up Must Come Down (from 'Cotton Club Parade'): Don't Worry 'Bout Me (from 'Cotton Club Parade')...Gerald & His Orch.
Tangos—Farewell My Love: Love Has Entered My Heart...Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Lady's In Love With You (film 'Some like it Hot'): Undecided... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.
Novelty Waltz—Boomp-A-Daisy: Fox-Trot—Our Love...Jack Harris & His Orch.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—Local Sport Results.

9.35 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—Light Variety Programme. With Clapham and Dwyer, Harley and Barker, Janet Joye, Helmar Fernback, The Hill Billies and Tony's Red Aces.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"The Vicar's Garden Party". A Sketch.
10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"The Shadow of the Swastika".

10.45 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trot—Ed Love To Take Orders From You (film 'Shrimates Forever')...Jacques Renard & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—The Last Waltz (from the film): I Give My Heart (from the film)...The Cavaliers.

Fox-Trots—Hawaiian Riddle: Dreams Of Aloha...Nol Lane's Hawaiian Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"London Log".

11.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—Association Football. Commentary on match Coventry City v. Luton.

12.00 midnight—CLOSE DOWN.



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THINKING AHEAD

George S. Kaufman, the well-known playwright, does not confine his successful plays to the theatre. For instance, here is one he made in a recent Rubber Bridge game.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A K 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ A Q 10 8 6
♣ 6 4

Mr. Kaufman
♠ J 10 8 4
♥ J 10 9 5
♦ 6 3
♣ 10 7 2

♠ Q 9 7 6 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ K
♣ A J 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 3♦ Pass
8♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
6♠ Pass Pass Pass Pass

Against six spades Mr. Kaufman opened the Jack of hearts, which South won. South next played the diamond King, then three rounds of spades, landing in dummy. Next the diamond Ace was played, South discarding a club, and then, hoping to establish the suit, Declarer trumped a diamond and Mr. Kaufman overtrumped.

At this point 99 players out of 100 would have played a second heart, whereupon South, an expert player, would undoubtedly have made his contract. He would have won the trick with the Ace, then played his last trump, discarding a club from dummy. Then a heart to dummy's King would have squeezed East, for that player,

holding the King-Queen of clubs and the Jack and one diamond, would have been forced to unguard one of the two suits.

However, Mr. Kaufman visualized the squeeze that would take place unless he removed Declarer's re-entry. He therefore shifted to a club, and East's Queen forced the Ace. And now the squeeze could no longer be executed and the contract was set, due to Mr. Kaufman's really brilliant defence.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner. Both sides were vulnerable, both had 40 on score, and you held:

♠ K 10
♥ A x x
♦ K J 10 x
♣ Q J x x

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Burnstone You
Pass Pass 1NT Dbl.
3♥ 2♠ 3♥ (?)

ANSWER. Double. You have a good chance of defeating three hearts. Furthermore, if you pass, your partner may elect to sacrifice at three spades, a contract that will almost surely be doubled and set.

Score 100% for double, 60% for pass, 20% for three spades or three notrump.

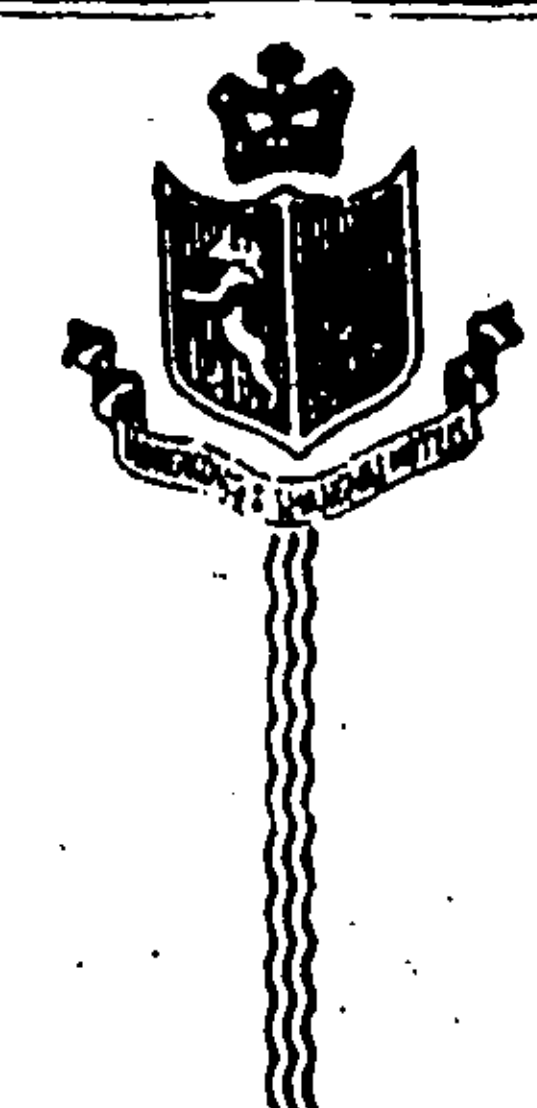
QUESTION NO. 273

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♠ A 9 8
♥ A K Q J 7 6 4
♦ A 8
♣ 7

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BADMINTON

RECREIO "B" START SEASON IN GREAT STYLE

(BY "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH KOWLOON Cricket Club, making their first appearance for some years in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League, lost by the maximum margin to Recreio "B" on their own court last night, there were occasions when rallies reached quite a high standard.

It is certain that the K.C.C. ladies are still in need of much intensive practice but they did show some promise and, considering the fact that the total badminton experience in two cases amounted to something under two months, they did not do badly at all.

A particularly useful performance was that of Miss Stokes, who partnered P. Wynter-Blyth. Her serving specially was the subject of comment; she put up very few loose ones.

RIGHT IDEA

She has the right tactical idea also and tried to use the lob as frequently as possible having regard to the limitations of her short game, and, if she was nearly always a shade short, that can be attributed to her present lack of judgment that time alone will bring.

Miss Harker appeared to be nervous and never did herself justice. In contrast to Miss Stokes her service was weak and she would do well to indulge in much intensive practice in this department.

Mrs. Kevan has obviously played the game a great deal and should improve with practice.

Of the men P. Wynter-Blyth revealed a wide range of strokes and fine courtcraft, while A. L. Fisher also did well. Both men were of course handicapped by their inexperienced partners but gave hardworking, plucky displays.

Finest player of the evening was C. C. Pereira, whose smashing, driving and cunning placements set the K.C.C. an insoluble problem; not far behind in the matter of skill was Nick Beltrao. I have seen Henry Gonsalves play better.

RECREIO'S POTENTIALITIES

Recreio ladies all gave adequate displays but they also gave the appearance of being somewhat out of practice.

Recreio "B," who last night were without Miss Cynthia Silva and L. A. Carvalho should have a very successful League season and it would be unwise for any team, even their "A," to underestimate their ability.

P. Wynter Blyth and Miss M. Stokes (K.C.C.)
lost to N. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios 15-21
lost to H. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier 13-21
lost to C. C. Pereira and Mrs. A. C. Carvalho 9-21
A. L. Fisher and Miss B. Harker (K.C.C.)
lost to Beltrao and Miss Remedios 10-21
lost to Gonsalves and Miss Xavier 6-21
lost to Pereira and Mrs. Carvalho 10-21
Mr. and Mrs. Kevan (K.C.C.)
lost to Beltrao and Miss Remedios 12-21
lost to Gonsalves and Miss Xavier 11-21
lost to Pereira and Mrs. Carvalho 9-21

"RAPIER'S" SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

RACE NO. 1
SMILING TIME
KING'S PARADE
LUCKY ELEVEN
Outsider:—Diogenes.
RACE NO. 2
COCKLEROI
SNOWY RIVER
MURRUMBIDGEE
Outsider:—A Grand Time.
RACE NO. 3
ROSE EMILY
RED FEATHER
LILLIBER
Outsider:—Avon.
RACE NO. 4
ROSE-QUEEN
TAXING MASTER
BOOLAT BAY
Outsider:—National Pride.
RACE NO. 5
ESTOVER



CLUB ARE FAVOURED

Club and Army clash to-day at Soekunpoo, at 4 p.m., in the season's first Rugby Tournament game, and the odds are slightly in favour of Club.

At 2.45 p.m. Club "A" will meet Navy "A" on the same ground.

The following are the teams:
Club:—J. R. Henderson (22); D. H. Stewart (2); J. Hutchison (1); H. D. Bidwell (3) and D. I. Bosanquet (5); J. C. Charter (4) and J. M. Thomson (24); A. F. Walkden (13), (Captain), R. G. Castleton (25), E. W. Stout (29); E. A. Bompass (27); C. F. Needham (12); G. B. Godfrey (28); A. M. Kennedy (18) and W. B. Richardson (14).

Army:—Sergt. Picton (R.E.); Marsh (8th H.R.A.); L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.); Sergt. Lang (R.A.O.C.) and Sign Willis (R.C.S.); L/Cpl. Boe (R.S.) and Lieut. Hook (8th H.R.A.); Lieut. Pinkerton (R.S.); Cpl. Sutherland

(Continued in Next Column)

SPORTS PARADE

AN out of the ordinary cricket match will be played on Sunday, December 17 between Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong Cricket Club.

That in itself does not sound very unique; what is unique is the fact that the teams will be composed of men of 45 and over.

It is a perfectly simple matter to jot down 11 names from K.C.C. to make quite a formidable combination but I cannot for the life of me think of 11 members of H.K.C.C. with the qualification.

First and foremost there will be T. E. Pearce, still a fine bat if not as spry in the field as of yore, and E. J. R. Mitchell, is also, I understand, over 45 but there, as far as I am concerned, it ends. I have no doubt that there will be a number of service members who will play and there may be others so well preserved that it does not occur to one that they are also eligible.

At K.C.C. there is R. E. Lindsell, Ezra Abraham, F. E. Nash, W. Nash, J. P. Robinson, and others, numbering in all about 16.

It is certain that some of the batting and bowling is going to be comic, with long-disused muscles creaking protest, but what should be most entertaining should be the fielding.

I can visualise some portly gentleman making valiant efforts to chase a ball to the boundary, and others trying in vain to get down to the fast snicks to slips!

It should be an extremely interesting encounter and the scores should read like a page from the past with stalwarts who probably played Interport cricket about 20 years ago once again in harness.

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FEELING very fit after his holiday, Henry Kew, the St. Andrew's badminton player, is once again with us; he arrived from Australia on Thursday. He will once again turn out for the Saints in the Badminton League just started and it will be interesting to see if his old partnership with E. F. Fincher will be resumed. This pair have played together for years and such is their understanding that even the most powerful combinations in the Colony are unable to take them lightly.

(R.S.), L/Bdr. Evens (5th A.A.R.A.), Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.), L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A.R.A.), Capt. Duke (R.S.), Lieut. Cuthbertson (R.S.) and Lieut. Ridsdale (Royal Norfolk).

Reserves:—Page (5th A.A.R.A.), Sign. Willis (R.C.S.) and L/Cpl. Smith (Seaforth Hdrs).

Club "A":—H. F. Hopkins; R. M. Lavalie, D. B. Nelson, F. M. Thompson and H. Van Leeuwen (Captain); B. C. Fay and E. C. Luscombe; R. E. Heasman, F. Burford, P. F. Wanklyn; B. Hynes, J. Roscoe, B. O'M. Deane, T. Swan and A. G. Dalziel.

INTERESTING CRICKET PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY

(By "ADREM")

THERE are three interesting games on the friendly cricket programme for this afternoon and if teams turn out as advertised some thrilling finishes should be seen.

At King's Park, Recreio entertain Craighower Cricket Club, who are making a great effort to re-establish themselves among the Colony's leading cricket clubs.

I have not been able to ascertain the composition of the Champions' team but Craighower are just about at full strength except for F. R. Zimmern. The latter's place as speed merchant will be filled by G. Winch, an accurate bowler with fine command of length.

It will be interesting to see if E. A. Lee who returned to the game after an absence of some seasons, will be able to make runs against as powerful an attack as that possessed by Recreio.

K.C.C. are at home to their old rivals, I.R.C. I can remember no occasion in recent seasons when the former team have secured a win at the expense of the Indians. E. F. Fincher, who returned from leave last week, will make his first appearance for Kowloon.

NO PEARCES

Over in Hong Kong a rather weak Cricket Club team without any Pearses but reinforced by several Civil Servants, will play a strong Army side.

Unless Club batsmen do something rather phenomenal I cannot see them beating Army who have a particularly well-balanced side.

Sgt. Denver, who has been responsible for some really remarkable bowling in junior cricket, will have an opportunity of matching his skill against such tried hands as Ridsdale, Richardson, Perry and Kilbee.

Among the juniors, C.C.C. will be at home to Recreio but are unlikely to win, while I.R.C. should not be able to extend the powerful K.C.C. team which is stronger, if anything, than last year when they won the championship.

I have not been able to find out whether or not Navy will turn out a team against Civil Service.

The following is the programme and some of the teams:—

PROGRAMME SENIOR

H. K. C. C.	v	Army
K. C. C.	v	I. R. C.
Recreio	v	C. C. C.

JUNIOR

C. C. C.	v	Recreio
I. R. C.	v	K. C. C.
Navy	v	C. S. C. C.

TEAMS

C.C.C. 1st XI:—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Huise, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, G. Winch, J. L. Youngs, Scorer, W. Broadbridge, Umpire, G. Ladd.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd, E. F. Fincher, A. Zimmern, W. L. Rapley, D. Hung, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. G. Davies.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—L. T. Ride (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, T. V. N. Fortescue, G. E. R. Divett, W. Stoker, D. S. Robb, L. D. Kilbee, D. de S. Carey, D. G. Day and C. R. W. Thomson.

Army:—Capt. C. E. Godby (H.K.S.R.A.) (Captain), Major J. E. Swyer (R.A.M.C.), Capt. J. F. Lawrence (R.I.A.S.C.), Capt. D. E. E. Grose (R.E.), Capt. A. B. Whatman (R. Signals), Q.M.S. Patterson (R.A.M.C.), Sgt. Denver (R.E.), Cpl. Webb (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. Murphy (R. Signals), Spr. Ratcliffe (R.E.), Gnr. Barsev (5th A.A. Rest, R.A.).

C.C.C. 2nd XI:—B. R. Irancee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, (Continued on page 18)

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BEST game in this afternoon's soccer programme should be witnessed on the Railway Ground where Kowloon are at home to Kwong Wah.

Kowloon sustained their first defeat last Saturday but are still in the running for championship honours. They will probably be strengthened by the inclusion of A. S. Bliss and D. Knox.

The intermediate line, with Bliss, should be able to cope with the Kwong Wah forwards whose most dangerous men are Cheuk Shok-kam and Chow Man-chi.

Club are hoping to provide the first real surprise in the Senior League when they meet South China "A" at home and have chosen their best team.

Coles who was injured early in the season will be seen between the sticks with Bone and S. Strange as the backs.

The half-back line will be composed of McEwen, Forrow and Millington and Fowler will lead the attack supported by E. Strange at inside-left.

It is doubtful whether Lee Wai-long will be playing as he is still injured but the rest of the South China team will be unchanged. Lau Chung-sang will be seen on the left wing in place of Lau Tau-man who is still in Shanghai.

Middlesex and St. Joseph's, two teams who have given inconsistent displays this season, meet at Boundary Street. Both teams are playing improved football but the all round superiority of the soldiers should give them the two points.

SENIOR

Club:—Coles; Bone and S. Strange; McEwen, Forrow and Millington; Bond, Scott, Fowler, E. Strange and Lodge.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

First Division
Club v S. China "A"
(Club at 4.00 p.m.).
Kowloon v Kwong Wah
(Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.).
Middlesex v St. Josephs
(Boundary Road at 4.00 p.m.).
Second Division "A"
Club v S. China
(Club at 2.30 p.m.).

Kit Che v Eastern
(Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.).
R.A.O.C. v 30th R.A.
(Military at 4.00 p.m.).
Second Division "B"
Kwong Wah v Police
(Boundary Rd. at 2.30 p.m.).
Kowloon v R.A.F.
(Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.).
Third Division
R. Scots v International
(Caroline Hill at 4.00 p.m.).
R.A.S.C. v 24th R.A.
(Military at 2.30 p.m.).
Kumaons v 5th R.A.
(Chatham Rd. at 2.30 p.m.).
R.A.M.C. v Signals
(Chatham Rd. at 4.00 p.m.).
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1939
First Division
S. China "B" v Eastern
(Caroline Hill at 4.00 p.m.).
R. Scots v R. Navy
(Sookunpo at 4.00 p.m.).
Preliminary Round Junior Shield
5th R.A. v Electric
(Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.).
Second Division "B"
Engineers v Signals
(Sookunpo at 2.30 p.m.).
Third Division
Engineers v 12th R.A.
(Club at 2.30 p.m.).
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1939
Third Division
Kumaons v R. Scots
(Chatham Rd. at 4.00 p.m.).
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1939
Second Division "A"
5th R.A. v 8th R.A.
(Military at 4.00 p.m.).

Entries for Ladies' Colony Tennis Championship close to-day.

LOCAL COUNTY
LAWN BOWLS

The following are the teams for the bowls match between the Yorkshiremen's Society and the Northumberland and Durham Association on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club:

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CRICKET

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A. Hang, C. W. Lam, G. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way, Scorer, H. W. Randall.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—W. Mulcahy, F. J. Lay, T. A. Madar, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, G. A. Goodban, E. Curtis, G. E. Taylor, R. A. J. Simpson, C. F. Green, G. A. V. Hall.

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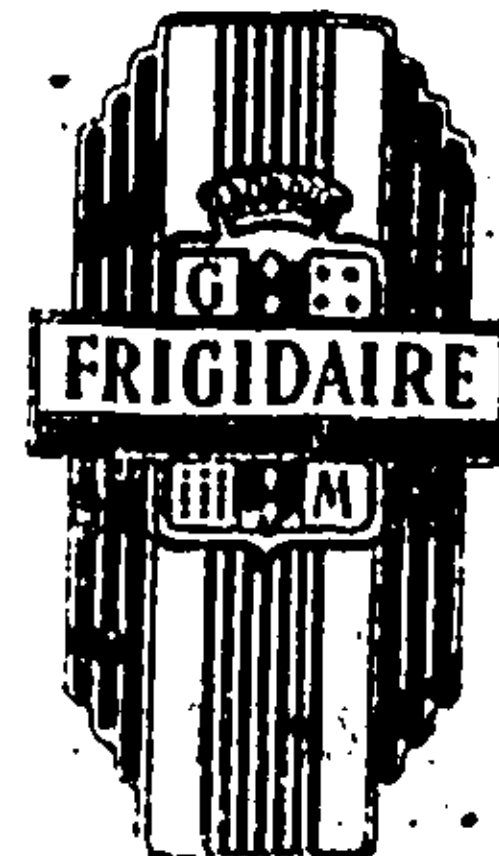
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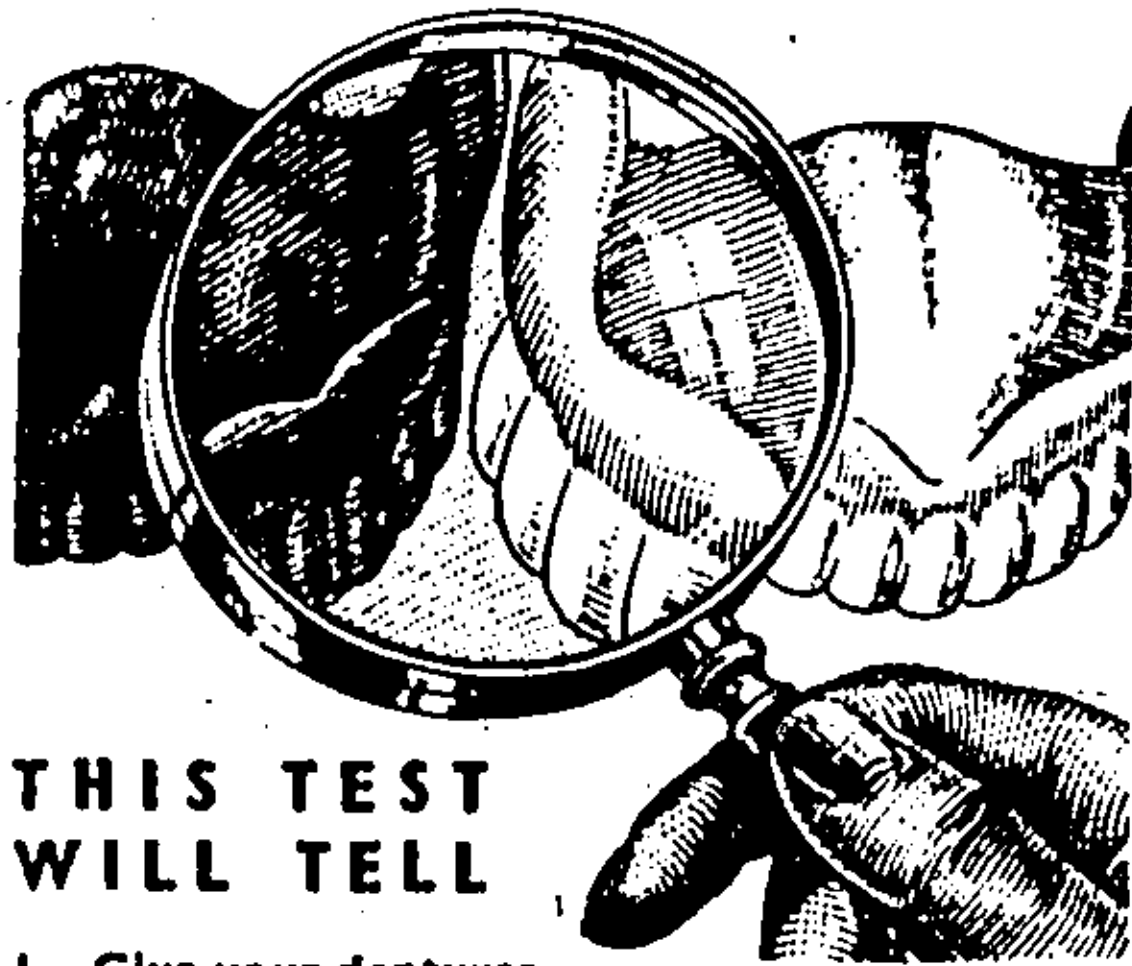
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U.S. ACTION ON FINLAND INVASION

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The President added that Russia had not yet replied to his Note offering the good services of the United States in settling the dispute with Finland. The offer was made before the Red invasion occurred.

The placing of the Administration publicly and officially on the side of Finland is the first in a series of steps being discussed to make known America's attitude in regard to the action of the Soviet.

There is still a possibility that the U.S. Ambassador may be recalled for consultation, and even that diplomatic relations may be severed.—Reuter.

CEYLON'S GIFT TO WAR FUND

Colombo, To-day.

Ceylon has contributed about £4,500 to the British Red Cross Fund. Of this sum, about £3,750 was raised by the "Ceylon Times".—Reuter.

R.A.F. DRIVES OFF NAZI RAIDERS

London, To-day.

It was learned in London last night that eight enemy Dornier type aircraft were encountered in two hours by R.A.F. Coastal Command patrols in one day this week.

One enemy plane was destroyed and all the others retired when attacked.

The engagement with the Dornier lasted 13 minutes before the Nazi plane fell into the sea.

The crew were picked up by a Norwegian merchantman.

Three other aircraft belonging to the Coastal Command were in separate combats with seven Dorniers, and in every instance the enemy were driven off without casualties to any of the British crews.—Reuter.

SWEDEN ASKED TO WATCH FINLAND'S INTERESTS

London, To-day.

Finland has asked Sweden to look after her interests in Moscow. This request has strengthened the belief that the new government will seek to come to terms with Moscow, but there is no official support for this and the Finnish Legation in London denies that there is any question of surrender.

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On the Nanning-Pingyang highway, the Japanese force is attacking Paitang, 31 miles north-east of Nanning.

Japanese aircraft are extremely active reconnoitring and bombing Chinese positions.—Central News.

Kweilin, To-day.

Nine Japanese planes broke into Kweilin at noon yesterday, flying at an altitude of 4,000 ft. They rained over 80 bombs indiscriminately.—Central News.

Stockholm, To-day.

The Finnish Legation has created a special department to deal with the stream of Swedes wishing to enlist in the Finnish Army.

The war approached Sweden when the air raid alarm was sounded at Torneo, and Soviet planes were observed over Sjos Island, 12 miles to sea.—Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

Professor Sikkonen, Finland's most famous electro-technician, was found dead in the ruins of the bombed Technical High School.—Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.

It is reported that Tetsamo has been captured by Soviet troops after a bombardment.—Reuter.

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